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TROLLEY CAR LINE TO SCHWENKSVILLE

Trooper-Souderton Line may be Extended Through to Schwenksville and the Perkiomen Valley.

There are prospects that the Perkiomen Valley will soon be connected with Norristown by a trolley line. Representatives of the Bankers Corporation Company, of Reading, which promoted the Montgomery Transit Company's trolley line connecting Skippack and Fairview, have stated that instead of completing the line through to Lederachville, Harleysville and to Souderton in the North Penn Valley, Schwenksville or some other place in the Perkiomen Valley, will be the objective point.

This plan will meet with considerable opposition among the residents along the proposed route from Skippack to Souderton, many of whom have invested in the company's stocks and bonds. The right of way has also been secured and paid for.

The proposed change in plans comes as a result of an inspection of the two regions made by a representative of the Reading concern, several weeks ago, who pronounced the tapping of the Perkiomen region as a far more fertile field for operation than the proposed route through to the North Penn. It is further proposed to extend the line on up the Perkiomen Valley to Green Lane and Pennsburg.

ATTEMPTED TO FORCE COLLEGEVILLE NATIONAL BANK.

Monday afternoon a middle aged woman alighted from a trolley car in the lower end of Collegeville and proceeded to the local bank. The iron gates before the door of the bank she found closed and indeed on closer investigation discovered it was locked hard and fast with a big padlock. How very disconcerting! But this brave woman was not to be stopped by mere iron bars and she stoutly took hold of a bar with either hand and shook them real hard, stopping every now and then to investigate the results of her exertion. But it was of no use. Nothing yielded and she went away looking puzzled. At the bank window was a card, which she had not stopped to notice. It read like this: BANK CLOSED—LEGAL HOLIDAY LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

ALL BANKS CLOSED TO-DAY.

DEATHS.

William C. Gordon.

William C. Gordon, for many years a resident of this place, died at his home on Third avenue, on Friday afternoon, at the age of 67, after suffering for many years with an aggravated form of nervous disorder. The immediate cause of death was inanition. Mr. Gordon first became a sufferer about 25 years ago. He is survived by five children—Claude and William of Philadelphia; Sally, wife of Elwood Burns, and Ada, of Norristown; and Leon, at home. The funeral, private, was held Wednesday morning at the home. Friends and neighbors viewed the remains between 10 and 12 o'clock, and interment was afterward made at Trinity Reformed church cemetery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel had charge.

Pottstown Gets Spring School Directors' Meeting.

The Spring meeting of the Montgomery County School Directors' Association will this year be held in Pottstown, on Thursday, March 16, according to the decision reached by the Executive Committee. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held, detailed announcement of which will be made later. The new school code will come up for discussion. In the evening a prominent man will make an address.

Musical at the College.

The Cafarelli Concert Company pleased a fair sized audience at the college Monday evening. The efforts of the three musicians really merited a better house.

SEEK TO ESTABLISH NEW ENTERPRISES

Ironbridge, Trappe and Yerkes may all soon have business plants which will boom lower Perkiomen Region.

There are good prospects that before very long three new industries may be started in the lower end of the Perkiomen Valley. One at Ironbridge is already under way, a cigar manufacturing plant is a possibility for Trappe, and Yerkes may be the place at which a new milk shipping station will be established.

At the present time the enterprise at Ironbridge has made the most progress. H. H. Yellis and James Wismer of that place have already begun work upon the erection of a factory for the making of a patent wagon nut, called the "locknut." The building now in course of erection is 20 by 50 feet and will be completed within two or three months. They say that if the enterprise is successful, as they expect it will be, about 25 men will be employed.

At Trappe definite arrangements have not been made but those who are booming the enterprise hope to get the Eisenlohr Company, makers of the famous Cinco cigar, interested in the establishment of a branch factory in the upper part of that borough. A. G. Ash, who is fathering the scheme, has already erected the foundation for the small factory and is now negotiating with the Eisenlohr people. The greatest difficulty in the way of getting them to locate at Trappe is said to be the lack of available help. Many residents of Trappe seem to think that there should be no difficulty in soon getting the needed workers.

At Yerkes there is a project on foot for the establishment of a milk shipping station. Representatives of the firm of Wills and Jones, milk dealers of Philadelphia, have looked over the situation and have selected a site for the new establishment. They desire to buy a strip of land belonging to Mrs. Buckwalter above the coal yards, but it was stated that no agreement as to the price of the land has yet been arrived at. A milk shipping station, it is said, will probably be a necessity because of the severe requirements laid down by Philadelphia's Board of Health. At the milk shipping station the product will be tempered airtight and so treated that it will be better preserved than when shipped in the usual way.

There are also some prospects of the factory building at Collegeville being utilized during the coming summer.

Wanger Fathers Federal Automobile Bill.

Congressman Wanger from this district last week introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for the Federal control of automobiles, which, should it become a law, will mean that the owner of an automobile upon registration and upon the licensing of the operator, may drive his car from one state to another without securing a separate license. This is made possible by regarding the automobile owners as engaged in interstate commerce. It is the result of careful study and consideration of a sub-committee of the Committee on Inter-State Commerce, of which Mr. Wanger is chairman.

R. S. Thomas Wins Bride in the West.

Robert S. Thomas, of Reading, a young man well known in this vicinity, who graduated from Ursinus College last June and who left here late last summer to accept a position in the public schools of the middle west, has advised his former friends and classmates that he has already found for himself a bride in the western land of promise. The name of the young lady, who is now Mrs. Robert S. Thomas, was Miss Pearl Anderson, of Carney, Michigan, where the bridegroom is located as a member of the high school faculty.

Founder's Day at Ursinus.

Founders' Day will be celebrated at Ursinus College to-day. Public exercises will be held at 11.30 a. m. Dr. Penniman, Vice-Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, will be the speaker.

FINED FOR VIOLATING PURE FOOD LAW

Farmer Roediger, of Arcola, arraigned for selling watered milk to Eagleville Consumptives' Sanitarium.

Otto Roediger a farmer and butcher of near Arcola was on Saturday morning found guilty of violating the Pure Food Law and was subjected to a fine of \$30 and costs of \$29. He was accused of selling to the Jewish Sanitarium at Eagleville milk that contained about 25 per cent. water. A large amount of milk is daily consumed at the sanitarium, for the chief constituents of the diets of the patients are milk, eggs and olive oil. Roediger had a contract to furnish the institution with 160 quarts of milk every day at 4-1-2 cents the quart.

For some time the managers of the sanitarium had been concerned as to the quality of the milk being served to them. Complaints were made to Dr. Samuel Dixon, of the State Department of Health. Robert M. Simmers was sent to make an investigation and secured several samples of the milk furnished, covering a period of several days. Professor C. B. Cochman, of West Chester, made an analyses, which disclosed the fact that an average of about 25 per cent. water was in the lactical fluid. In the milk furnished, some days, too, the proportion of water used was more, and in that of others less.

A warrant was sworn out for the farmer having the contract—Otto Roediger, of Arcola. In his defense Mr. Roediger stated that he had seventeen cows and that they produced the best milk possible. He claimed he knew nothing of the milk having been watered but stated that since learning of the matter he had started an investigation and this showed that the boys who did milking upset a can Sunday night and then made up the loss with water. He failed to explain how this happened every day.

E. F. ESPENSHIP HAS PURCHASED GRATERFORD HOTEL.

From our Graterford Correspondent.

George Dunn, who has conducted the Graterford Hotel for the past six years, has sold his property to Elmer F. Espenship, who has been engaged in the livery business at Collegeville. The deal includes the stock yards, dancing pavilion and the houses occupied by Mrs. Alice Bean, Oscar Miller and Lewis Hartman. Possession will be given April 1st. Mr. Dunn will have public sale in the near future and will then move to Philadelphia. The money consideration has not been made public. Mr. Dunn's predecessor was James Carver.

Jurors Drawn for March Court.

Jurors have been drawn for the March term of Court. There are four juries in all, 236 men have been called, with 24 jurors for the grand, 72 for the petit and 140 for the two traverse juries. Those of this vicinity who appear on the list are: Grand Jury—Francis B. Evanson, Upper Providence; Petit Jury—Henry D. Allebach, Trappe, Jacob H. Cassel, Worcester, Wilson D. Van Fossen, Worcester, Hubert Yost, Collegeville; Traverse Jury for March 16—C. G. Becker, Skippack, Robert G. Brooks, Limerick, David Jones, Upper Providence, Allen T. Keeley, Royersford, Abram B. Mensch, Skippack, John McBrider, Upper Providence, Jacob Ottinger, Royersford, Daniel Shuler, Trappe; Traverse Jury for March 20—Philip L. Getty, Lower Providence, Arthur Rosenberger, Royersford, Jacob M. Wisler, Trappe.

Life Saved at Death's Door.

"I never felt as near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Texas, "as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds, in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother, and two sisters died of consumption, and that I am alive to day is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years." Quick, safe, sure, it's the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. See and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

BANK DIRECTORS ARE BANQUETTED

A. D. Fetterolf, President of Collegeville Bank, Acts as Host—Institution is Prospering.

A. D. Fetterolf, President of the Collegeville National Bank, on Saturday afternoon gave a banquet to the directors and officials of the institution. It was given at Edward Beckman's Fountain Inn Hotel, Trappe. An excellent menu was served and it was a pleasant event in every way. Those present were: A. D. Fetterolf, president; Montgomery Linderman, vice-president; Henry T. Hunsicker, secretary; B. F. Steiner, F. J. Clamer, Wm. P. Fenton, John U. Francis, Jr., John D. Frantz, A. C. Landes, J. M. Koons, Horace Place, Milton Benner, C. S. Kline, I. T. Haldeman, directors; W. D. Renninger, cashier; and A. T. Allebach, teller.

The local banking institution is in a very prosperous condition. It opened for business on February 14, 1907, and on Saturday, February 11, when the bank was nearly four years old, the deposits totaled \$230,000.00. Stock recently sold for \$130 per share, the par value of which was \$100. The surplus and undivided profits are \$16,000. All of which redounds very much to the credit of the officials and directors of the bank.

KEEP MARRIAGE SECRET FOR HALF YEAR.

Miss Ida Thompson Has Been Mrs. Geatens Since Last August.

Miss Ida Thompson, of this place, has been married since last August to Mr. Francis Geatens, of Norristown, and no intimation of the fact reached any of their many friends until this week, when they decided to apprise folks of the wedding.

The marriage occurred at Atlantic City on August 16, 1910. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alkerson. Miss Thompson and Mr. Geatens were spending their vacation at the resort. Mrs. Geatens has continued to live with her mother in this borough. In the future the couple will make their home on Swede street, Norristown. The bridegroom is engaged with his father in the meat business on West Marshall street.

Another Couple Secretly Married For Nearly As Long.

It has been learned that Wilmer Keyser, of Oaks, and Miss Reba Raysor, of Phoenixville, were married on Thanksgiving Day last at Wilmington, Del. It was only on Saturday that a formal announcement was made by the family of the bride, but this had been anticipated by her friends who surprised her at a church Guild meeting by asking the question. She had to confess. Mr. Keyser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Keyser, of Oaks. He works with his father. The bride is well known in Phoenixville. They continued to live with their respective parents after the Wilmington trip.

Penn Glee Club at Norristown.

The combined musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania gave a concert in the Opera House at Norristown last Thursday evening. Ursinus students occupied a box. On the way home the Penn boys became excessively joyous and during the stormiest period of the racket one of them shot a hole through the roof of the special car on the Pennsylvania railroad.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. W. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. WALKING, KINMAN & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NEWS FROM COUNTY AND STATE.

Happenings From Near and Far Told in Brief Paragraphs.

The fixtures and furniture of the Farmers' National Bank of Pennsburg have been improved and renewed at a cost of \$4000. All of the officials of the bank are ex-school teachers.

Bridgeport's Town Council last week inaugurated a movement looking to the beautification and improvement of their town. They will begin with repairing the streets and building a sewer system. It was voted at the meeting to buy a street cleaner.

The Young Men's Association of Phoenixville, just recently formed, on Saturday opened a well-equipped reading room, which will be in use every evening until 10 o'clock.

True bills in five criminal cases were last week brought against John E. Shields, Sheriff of Westmoreland county, charged by four coal companies and a detective agency with embezzlement, perjury and extortion.

Ambushed and shot last week, because he gave information against counterfeiters, Sam Latin, of Pittston, near Wilkes-Barre, is at the point of death.

In less than three years 22 young ladies have been married from the Bible Class of the Oxford Baptist church, which class has a membership of 50. The leader, a Mr. M. L. McCullough, is accused of running a matrimonial bureau for they do say that membership in his class is much sought.

William Stroble, a 14-year-old Bristol boy, on Friday received a \$25 check from the Pennsylvania railroad for his quick wit in saving an express train, which he stopped one afternoon in January, when, playing near the railroad, he discovered a broken rail.

It is estimated that 1000 suckers each week have been fished from the Lehigh river in the vicinity of Freemansburg, since the milder weather began.

Business at that place having outgrown the accommodations the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will build a new station at West Point.

Coasting down Chestnut street, Allentown, Earl Zerfass, aged 7 ran under a trolley car and was instantly killed. His brother William, also on the sled, escaped with serious bruises.

The home and farm of the late M. B. Hunsberger, of Skippack, has been sold by B. W. Dambly to B. F. Bridgeman, of Jeffersonville, for \$6500.

While assisting a moving party, John Gummery, of near Boyertown, was dragged 600 feet, run over and had an ankle broken, when his two horses ran away with his farm wagon filled with household goods. 100 jars of preserves were wrecked in the mix-up.

Demanding protection from the inroads of Hawkers and Peddlers, the Business Men's Association of Conshohocken last week recommended to Town Council an ordinance establishing a peddlers' license fee of \$10.

William McFarland, of Plymouth Meeting, who left home nearly twenty years ago, returned recently a rich man. He went west and finally landed in the Klondike region. After providing for his parents he returned to the gold fields.

In a sneezing match at the Shaw cigar factory, at York, Park Shaw, the proprietor, came off victorious and himself won the cigars he had offered to the one sneezing the greatest number of times from one pinch of snuff. The victor scored 32 sneezes.

A new cigar factory 45 by 150 feet and five stories high is being erected by the Eisenlohr Bros. in Sellersville.

A 9-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schutt, of Boyertown, one night last week left his little hands uncovered and they were frost-bitten. The infant's heart was effected and death resulted.

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COLLEGEVILLE LOCALS.

Ralph Miller, who was operated upon at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, for appendicitis about two weeks ago, is slowly regaining his strength. The operation proved more serious than had been anticipated but Mr. Miller is making good progress and expects to be home this week.

Daniel Decker, who has been running the barber shop in the lower end of the borough since last May, will sell out and take a position as conductor on the Schuylkill Valley's trolley line.

Harry Zteltz, who has been suffering with an attack of scarlet fever, is now able to be about and the quarantine has been lifted.

Rev. Joseph Butler will soon move into the house on Second avenue belonging to the Allebach estate.

James Cassel will move into the house now occupied by Mr. Butler, which was recently sold by A. H. Tyson to William Cassel. James Cassel will work on the farm of William Cassel.

The Kauffee Klauch held by the Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church in the church parlors, last Thursday evening, netted about \$21. The novel event was greatly enjoyed by the young people. Dr. Good's curios, collected in his travels in India, China and Japan, excited much interest.

Rev. E. D. Miller, a retired minister of the Reformed church who since last fall has been living in Henry Grubb's house on Fifth ave., is seriously ill from a complication of diseases. Only a few weeks ago Rev. Miller celebrated his 75th birthday.

Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, President of the college, has been sent on a mission to Cuba by the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church and will be away about two weeks.

A valuable four-year-old colt, belonging to F. W. Gristock, died, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Auger entertained friends from Philadelphia on Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church will meet on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Clamer. An interesting program had been arranged.

Harry Snyder, instructor in the Rahway, N. J., high school, was here over Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Della Belleu, of Oaks, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Daub.

Mrs. Abram Hunsicker, who has been ill for some time, is recovering. Jerome Bordner was a sufferer from rheumatism last week.

Horace Prizer, of Pottstown, visited his aunt, Miss Sarah Cressinger, over Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Walt has been slightly indisposed lately.

Ammon Rimby, of Trenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rimby over Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Beyer and children visited in Yerkes on Sunday.

County Superintendent of Schools, H. J. Landis, visited our public schools on Tuesday.

Walter Coyle continues in a very critical condition. The young man is suffering from an affliction of the kidneys.

Harvey Koder was last week operated upon at Pyfer's Hospital, Norristown. The operation was successful and the patient is able to be about.

Henry Hallman, living with his son-in-law, Jackson Fink, is ill.

Miss Katherine Robison was home for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Landis, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. Matilda Landis, over Sunday.

Mr. John Longaker, of Norristown, visited the Misses Allebach on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Saylor on Sunday visited Mrs. Saylor's parents at Schwenksville. Mrs. Saylor's mother is reported ill.

Wallace Barndt, now of Philadelphia, on Sunday visited a number of his young friends here.

Mrs. Charles D. Livingood spent Sunday in Norristown.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon 10:30. Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. Paul's Memorial Church (Episcopal), Oaks, the Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, rector. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m. (except last in the month, when p. m. is 7:45). Sunday School, 2:15 p. m. Vested choir. Heartly welcome. Holy Communion, first Sunday in month. The rector will be pleased at all times to receive requests for visitations or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O., or Bell phone 5-38 J. Phoenix.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia, 7:43, 7:45, 11:27 a. m., 6:35 p. m. Sundays—7:13 a. m., 6:33 p. m. For Allentown: 7:45, 11:02 a. m., 2:57, 6:05 p. m. Sundays—9:02 a. m., 7:39 p. m.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS.

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Oscar Becker, a Pottstown barber has purchased the Hotel Freed barber shop at Royersford and his son William will conduct it.

The quarries of Marion F. Bean, at Valley Forge, have revealed the presence of valuable ore, which contains a large percentage of gold. The ore will be separated from the dirt and slag.

Wyomissing residents gathered at the town hall and held a "smoker" for the purpose of getting better acquainted with each other. Not a bad idea.

The Daughters of the Revolution will erect a monument or marker at Kendall's Hill, near Valley Forge.

It is expected that work on a fine new \$15,000 passenger station at Ambler will be commenced soon.

The Sharon Hill Presbyterian Church has applied to the court for a charter.

The Royersford Opera House was last week offered for sale by the Detwiler estate. It was offered at \$10,000, with an \$8000 mortgage against it, but no one at the sale cared to bid and the sale was called off.

W. Norman Albright has been elected organist of Trinity Reformed church, Pottstown, to succeed Miss Edna V. Boyer, the young lady who died several weeks ago.

POLITICAL NEWS

Dr. J. N. Jacobs Appointed Comptroller For County.

It was announced on Monday that Governor Tener has appointed Dr. John N. Jacobs, of Lansdale, as Comptroller for this county, an office created by reason of the county's population being more than 150,000. Many aspired to the important office. Dr. Jacobs was once connected with the Montgomery Trust Company, Norristown.

Dr. J. N. Hunsberger, of Norristown, formerly of Skippack, will run for the Republican nomination for Governor.

On the basis of the new census the congressional districts of the country will be reapportioned, with 433 Representatives instead of 391.

Norristown Choral Society Concert Soon To Be Held.

The Norristown Choral Society, composed of about two hundred of Norristown and Conshohocken's best vocalists, will on Tuesday, February 21, produce its fourth annual concert. Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Saint Saens' "Deluge" will be sung by the Society, which will be supported by a twenty-five piece orchestra selected from the Philadelphia Symphony, and a quartette of soloists. The list of subscribers promises success for the concert. A number of persons musically inclined from this section will attend.

Sanatoga Teachers' Institute Helpful to All.

The teachers' institute held at Sanatoga on Friday and Saturday was well attended at all the sessions. Topics of interest to teachers, directors and parents were discussed and interesting addresses were heard. County Superintendent J. H. Landis and W. W. Rupert, superintendent of the Pottstown schools, took prominent parts in the programs. The note of progress was evident throughout all of the meetings. The institute left its impression on all who attended and will doubtless result in increased efficiency in the schools of the neighborhood.

COLLEGEVILLE LOCALS.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Clamer and Miss Mae Clamer attended a dance and banquet at Philadelphia, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Decker on Sunday visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Decker at Norristown.

Charles Klausfelder, P. & R. station agent at Oaks, was home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Custer have been spending some time in Souderston.

Mrs. Moyer, of Philadelphia, and A. H. Mathews, of Oxford, Md., were recent guests of J. L. Hunsberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moyer, of Pottstown, were in town on Monday.

The excavation for Dr. Hill's drug store at Main and Fourth avenue is completed.

Job T. Cox, of Oaks, was in town, Tuesday.

Mr. Aaron Freed is still in a critical condition at the home of his son in Royersford.

Linwood Yost is back from Virginia.

Declamation Contest Will Be Interesting.

The annual prize declamation contest given by the Zwinglian Literary Society of Ursinus College will be held on Washington's birthday, next Wednesday evening. The contestants have put considerable effort on their parts and an excellent contest is looked for. Ten and five dollar prizes are offered.

Ursinus Quartette Sings Skippack to Sleep.

The Ursinus Quartette sang to a capacity house at the Valley House Hall, Skippack, on Saturday evening. The concert was given for the Skippack Alumni Association. The boys made a hit. There were about 175 admissions sold.

Trolley Fare Has Been Raised.

On Wednesday the rate of fare over the trolley line between Norristown and Lansdale, operated by the Montgomery Traction Company, will be increased from 20 to 25 cents. At the same time the wages of the motormen and conductors on the road will be advanced from 21 to 23 cents an hour, thus putting them on the same wage scale as the employees of the Schuylkill Valley Company. The concession is made voluntarily by the company which has increased their men steadily from 17 1-2 cents.

Jailed For Refusing to Send Son to School.

Because he failed to compel the attendance of his son at the public schools of Pottstown, Mike Bartchalk was on Friday given a hearing before a Pottstown magistrate and fined \$2. He refused to pay the fine and was accordingly forced to undergo two days imprisonment in the county jail at Norristown. Bartchalk's 13-year-old son, George, has been absent from school twenty-seven days in three months and the father paid no attention to the notices sent him.

This Venerable Couple Wedded Fifty-five Years.

Surrounded by friends and relatives the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Walker, of Chester county, near Phoenixville, Sunday. They were married at Norristown by Rev. George Wolf, pastor of the Reformed church, on February 12, 1856, and have lived happily together and both have enjoyed good health all these long years. Mr. Walker is 76 years old and his wife, 75. They have devoted most of their lives to agriculture and met with success. After selling their farm near Mont Clare, this county, about 25 years ago they decided to live in Philadelphia only to tire of the city in a short time and come to their present home in the outskirts of Phoenixville.

Allentown Fair Will Not Be Moved.

After considerable discussion it has been decided by the Allentown Fair Association to continue the use of the present grounds instead of moving the fair further out from the town, as was proposed. A large steel and concrete grandstand, seating 8000 will be erected at a cost of \$10,000. Reports show that last year was the most prosperous in the history of the fair. Of the total receipts, \$60,461.29, the profits amounted to \$14,671.17.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

"My wife wanted me to take our boy to the doctor to cure an ugly boil," writes Dr. Frankel, of Stroud, Okla. "I said 'put Bucklen's Arnica Salve on it.' She did so, and it cured the boil in a short time." Quickest healer of Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, Bruises, Sprains, Swellings, Best Pile cure on earth. Try it. Only 25 cents at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

COMING FARMERS' INSTITUTES TO BE POPULAR

There Will Be Quite an Array of Able Speakers.

Full arrangements have been made for the series of five Farmers' Institutes to be held in this county. The first will occur at Sanatoga next Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23. The meetings will be presided over by H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville. Music by local talent will be heard. The principal features of the several sessions at Sanatoga follows:

WEDNESDAY AT 1:30
Address of Welcome..... John M. Yerger
Response..... H. H. Fetterolf
"The Value of Lime"..... Miss A. Baker
"With Lime for Soil Improvement."

THURSDAY AT 7:30
Question Box and Answers..... J. T. Campbell
"Our Social Life"..... Miss A. Baker
THURSDAY AT 9
"Dairy Farming"..... Miss Adelaide Baker
"The Silo, the Mortgage Lifter,"..... T. J. Phillips
Questions from Question Box.....

THURSDAY AT 1:30
"The Gain in Soil Nitrogen Resulting from the Use of Leguminous Crops,"..... Dr. Frear, State College
"Poultry—Lice, Gaps and Diseases,"..... J. T. Campbell
"Potato Culture"..... Dr. J. H. Funk
Referred Questions.....

THURSDAY EVENING
"The Family Driver,"..... Miss A. Baker
"The Country Home as I See It,"..... T. J. Phillips
The program for the meetings at King of Prussia, February 24 and 25, will be published next week.

Ingrate Strikes Down His Grandmother.

Although she had befriended him when all the other members of the family had turned against him, Mrs. Jane Gratz, an old lady of 71 years and the widow of a prominent Norristown resident, was one day last week struck by her grandson, Theodore Gratz. He came home intoxicated, began finding fault with the supper and finally indulged his drunken fury by throwing butter and eggs around the room. When his grandmother reproved him he knocked her down and began to pummel her, nor did he stop in his outrageous assault until neighbors came to the old lady's assistance. He was arraigned before Magistrate Harry and was committed to jail, in default of \$500 bail, for the March term of court. At the hearing Mrs. Gratz showed evidence of the beating. The ungrateful grandson feigned great remorse.

State Constables for Delaware County.

A detachment of three of the State Constabulary will be stationed in Delaware county with headquarters at Swarthmore. The officers will work in conjunction with the police officers of the various boroughs and townships and will be on duty day and night, working in two shifts. The establishment of the detachment at Swarthmore comes as the result of numerous demands for the troopers because of the many robberies in that section of Delaware county and across the border in Chester.

Glee Club Concert Will Be Attractive.

This (Thursday) evening the annual concert of the combined musical clubs of Ursinus College will give a concert in Bomberger Hall. A good audience is expected and judging from the very favorable reports which come from Norristown, following the appearance of the clubs at that place, everyone who hears them will be well pleased. The price of admission is 25 cents.

Pottstown Poultry Association Reorganizes.

The Pottstown Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Association was organized last week, and December 25 to 28 inclusive were selected as the dates for the next poultry show. The Association is considering plans for the show which will make it the biggest thing of its kind ever held in Pottstown or vicinity.

L. Himes Will Conduct Livery Stable Here.

L. Himes, well-known to many in this section, has taken the livery stable at the Railroad House. He will conduct a first class livery. See adver. page 8.

Road Supervisors Will Meet at Norristown.

The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Association of Supervisors will be held in the court house at Norristown on next Tuesday, February 21.

Tortured for 15 Years

by a cure-defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Modders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said he can't live much longer. "Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "till I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. It is surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Just as good for the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

Taxes on mined anthracite coal, artificial gas companies and capital stock of manufacturing corporations are the burden of bills that are in shape for introduction, and are to appear in the House soon, from members of the Ways and Means Committee or other Representatives. There are two proposed bills on the anthracite coal tax question. One of them would impose a tax of five cents a ton, of 2240 pounds, on every ton of anthracite coal mined in the State. The other measure would make the tax two and one-half per cent. of the value of every ton of such coal at the mouth of the mine, although these bills have not been formally presented to either House.

The State Grange is expected to help push the present bill for taxing corporations, although the new measure is easier on the manufacturing corporations than that of Mr. Keene. The cue is taken from the tax revision commission's report that the capital stock of manufacturing corporations doing business in this State in 1905 was between \$1,600,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000, and a tax of one mill on the latter amount would yield the State \$2,000,000 a year. In accordance with this recommendation the bill makes the tax one mill.

Various departmental bills, including some relative to the State Highway and Banking Departments, will probably make their appearance in the Legislature this week. The bill for the construction of a system of State highways to span the entire Commonwealth, and contemplating a program extending over a period of 10 years, is almost completed, and will be introduced by Senator Sproul of Delaware county.

A hearing was given in the House of Representatives on the bill changing the method of inflicting the death penalty in capital cases from hanging to electrocution, confining the execution of the sentence to the two State penitentiaries and limiting the number of witnesses.

WILL TRY TO SAVE COBBLER'S MURDERER ON INSANITY PLEA.

Unless the Board of Pardons which meets at Harrisburg on Wednesday interferes, John Ballou will be executed in the County Prison on Tuesday, February 21, for the murder of George Johnson, the Norristown township cobbler and farmer. Ballou was to have been hanged with Frank Chiecarine and Nick Maringe last June, but his attorney secured a respite at the last hour, a special messenger arriving from Harrisburg on the morning of the execution. Mr. Connolly, his attorney, will ask that Ballou be given life imprisonment on the ground that he has been weak mentally ever since he was about seven years old. It is alleged that he was hit on the head with a hammer and the blow made him ill for a long time. For some time he has been showing signs of insanity, the county officials say. He hides under his cot, talks foolishly, curses, yells loudly and in other ways gives evidence of dementia. His attorney believes he has an excellent chance to save him from the gallows.

Difenderfer Names Secretary.

Congressman-elect Difenderfer has appointed Miss Lillian A. Dorworth his private secretary at a salary of \$1200 a year. Miss Dorworth was at one time secretary to Congressman Wanger, but she left his employ because he reduced her salary. She alleges that Mr. Wanger shared the amount she was to receive with his son.

Pottstown Students to Present Play.

The students of the Pottstown High School will on next Friday, February 24 produce Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," in the Opera House at that place. Miss Mary Stoner, formerly of Collegeville, head of the department of English, has been drilling the cast.

W. C. T. U.

The local Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a meeting in memory of Frances Willard at the home of Mrs. W. P. Fenton, this (Thursday) afternoon. Mrs. Oberholzer of Philadelphia will address the meeting.

Thespians Club Entertained.

The Thespians were last Friday evening the guests of Miss Matilda Gristock. As usual a pleasant evening was enjoyed. The floral decorations were especially attractive. Mrs. George Clamer won the favor at euchre.

Charles Allebach of Creamery is in a serious condition from a complication of diseases.

A new laboratory, purchased at a cost of \$195, has just been placed in the public school house at Schwenksville.

TO REMOVE HANCOCK'S BODY TO ARLINGTON.

While there is a difference of opinion generally as to whether the body of General Winfield Scott Hancock, of Civil War fame, should be removed from its resting place in Montgomery Cemetery to Arlington in Washington, it is generally believed that the bill introduced by Congressman Foeltz providing \$10,000 for removal to the National Cemetery will not be opposed here. Years ago several intimations that the General's body would be removed were resented, especially by the Montgomery County Historical Society. This organization knew that General Hancock was resting in a place selected by himself and in a tomb which he had constructed. The Historical Society made Congressman Wanger chairman of a committee to have the tomb cared for and a suitable memorial erected, several years ago, but up to this time Mr. Wanger has only been able to report progress. The only ornament surrounding the crumbling tomb, in a lone corner of Montgomery Cemetery, is a large flower urn erected by the Hancock Fire Company of Norristown. Hancock's tomb is a quarter of a mile from General Hartranft's grave in the same cemetery.

CORRESPONDENCE:

TRAPPE.

Lester Reber, whose public sale of farm stock and implements occurs on Thursday, February 23, moved to Norristown, Tuesday. He will soon take a position as conductor on the trolley line.

Mr. and Mrs. Overdorf, of Skippack, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Anderson.

Mr. Harding, who is the present owner of the Gross Fry property in the upper part of town, has stated that he expects to start a nursery on his place in a short time. Mr. Harding has had considerable experience along this line.

A case of drawers many years old, a rocking chair 107 years old, an old clock and several old coins were disposed of at the sale of Abram Edleman, last week.

Rev. Jacob K. Bowers returned on Monday from a journey in Lancaster county on which he did considerable preaching.

James Weikel spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. John Fetterolf, of Philadelphia.

Rev. F. B. Yocum announces the following schedule for the Trappe U. E. church: Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30; Sunday school, on Sunday at 2 p. m.; preaching on Sunday at 7:30 p. m.; class meeting at 10:00 a. m. This will be Mr. Yocum's last Sunday at Trappe before Conference and his many friends hope he will be returned.

There seems to be some prospect of establishing a cigar factory in this borough. See page 1.

Mrs. Wischman, of Philadelphia, on Sunday visited her daughter, Mrs. Mathieu.

Miss Ethel Sipple, who is teaching at Pleasantville, N. J., was home on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Greaves, of Philadelphia, on Sunday visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Royer, who has been ill.

Miss Elizabeth Austerberry, of Wilmington, Del., spent several days at home last week.

John Rhoades, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday as the guest of his father and mother.

The Society of Willing Workers of the U. E. church will hold their regular meeting in the church on Saturday afternoon, February 18, at 2 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank G. Fuhrman held on Sunday at the Lutheran church, Trappe, was very well attended. The church was nearly filled.

YERKES.

The Mennonite School has been closed for a few days this week on account of illness of the teacher.

Lewis Woelfel, who has been in the Municipal Hospital, Philadelphia, suffering with diphtheria the past two weeks, we are sorry to learn he has had a relapse.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woelfel on a day last week a daughter.

Miss Anna B. Detwiler spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kepling, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Joseph Detwiler and family.

Joseph Kratz, Esq., of Philadelphia, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Joseph Detwiler and family.

Taking twenty quinine pills to effect the quick cure of a cold, Benjamin Pauler, 16 years old, of near York, is at the point of death.

GRATERFORD.

The Graterford Grammar School will give a drama entitled "The Old New Hampshire Home" on Saturday evening, March 4.

Geo. Lamborn, manager of Supplee's milk shipping station, repaired the separator last week and the Graterford station is now shipping cream.

Charles Wenhold our broom maker is offering broom corn seed free to farmers.

Charles Grimley, of Philadelphia, was the guest of S. C. Poley over Sunday.

Our road commissioners are looking for a supervisor. Applicants should hand in their names at once. Perkiomen township is too small for two supervisors and the commissioners should agree on one man.

Revival services at the Holy Movement church will be continued this week.

Aaron Schwenk is killing calves and cattle regularly for the Norristown market.

A car load of pigs and shoats will be sold at the hotel stock yards on Thursday.

Howard Shallcross has recovered from the effects of the dynamite blast.

Dunn's hotel has been sold to Elmer F. Espenship of Collegeville. See page 1.

Nicholas S. Long will administer the estate of his mother the late Margaret Long. The real estate will be sold in March.

Jesse W. Kline and family spent Sunday with H. G. Fly and family at Lansdale.

Rev. A. K. Wismer's condition is about the same at this writing.

Mrs. C. A. Wismer and son E. Fry Wismer spent a day last week in Reading.

M. B. in C. prayer meeting on Saturday evening, February 18, at the home of Mrs. Mary Emert at Ironbridge. On Tuesday evening, February 21, at the County Home and on Thursday evening, February 23 at the home of C. D. Bean near Graterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wenhold spent Sunday with Clarence Bechtel and family at West Point.

Mrs. George Hixson and daughters and Mrs. William Ralston of Royersford spent Saturday with Rev. R. Bergstresser and family.

Charles K. Wismer is suffering with an attack of the gripe.

C. D. Bean is installing a litter carrier in his barn.

H. H. Yellis unloaded a car load of lumber on Saturday.

H. M. Espenship's condition is still very poor.

Miss Marie K. Yellis was in Pottstown on Tuesday.

Graterford River Brethren preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Services at the home of Horace Anderson in Lower Skippack on Sunday evening, February 19.

SCHWENKSVILLE.

Misses Nora and Mabel Kneule, of Pennsburg, were the guests of Katie Bauman on Saturday.

The entertainment given by the Olympian Glee Club, of East Greenville, in Bromer's Hall on Saturday evening was fairly well attended. It was the best ever come to town.

Miss Pearl Conway, of Collegeville, spent Saturday with Rosa Whitman.

Miss Nora Spang, of Eagleville, spent Saturday visiting Mrs. Frank Schwenk.

William Weller, of Philadelphia, spent Monday in town circulating among relatives and friends. He had charge of two large locomotives which were standing on the siding at the depot. They were being sent by the Baldwin Locomotive Works to the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Sacramento, Cal. It will take him forty-five days to make the journey.

John Bucher, a prosperous farmer of near town, will retire from active life. His son John will farm the place.

EVANSBURG.

Samuel F. Heyser was seen in town, Saturday.

William Gordon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents.

Evelyn Lane spent several days visiting friends in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. John Wanner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Levis at Audubon.

There are 20 acres of corn still to husk on the Little Meadows Farm, now owned by Dr. West.

George Schonck has rented Joseph P. Robinson's place now occupied by James Undercoffler.

James Undercoffler will move to the place which he recently purchased of Mrs. Stroud, formerly

known as the Cross Keys hotel. Frank Undercoffer, his brother, will occupy the same premises.

Harry Young returned home, Saturday, from the Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia, where the surgeons have decided that his foot will be permanently deformed.

Don't forget the Dutch supper Saturday, February 18. Supper tickets, 15 cents. Ice cream, cakes, and candy for sale.

LIMERICK.

On last Thursday Mrs. Mary Mattis fell on the ice and sustained severe bruises.

Mrs. Gifford recently spent several days in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. John B. Brooke has rented his house on the pike to Enoch Bucher and Mr. Brooke and his mother will move to one of the Brownback farms near Linfield.

The pipes for acetylene gas have been placed in the home of Brooke Barlow and the house and barn of Dr. Knipe.

Considerable sickness has been noticed in our village. Mr. Frank Poley has been compelled to return to his bed. Mr. Moses Tyson is very ill and Mrs. Samuel Miller and her daughter, Loretta, are both under the doctor's care. Harold Poley, Mrs. Gifford and Mr. Trumbauer are all on the sick list.

The Society of Willing Workers of St. James' church will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, February 22.

Next Sabbath services in St. James' Lutheran church: Sunday School at 1 p. m. and preaching at 2 p. m.

A sale of homemade pies, cakes, candy, bread and fancy work will be held by the Willing Workers on Saturday, February 25, at home of T. D. Kline, proceeds for church improvements. Sale from 3 to 9.

The last quarterly conference of the year will be held in the Evangelical Association church, on next Saturday and Sunday. Elder, Rev. Wentz, will preach on Saturday evening and on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m.; Y. P. A. at 7.15, led by Miss Flora G. Spare.

Mrs. Chas. Miller, of Royersford spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Mattis.

Grover Strunk spent Sunday with his father near Reading.

The last service of the conference year will be held in the United Evangelical church next Sabbath at 2.30 p. m. Sunday school at 1.30.

Mrs. Brooke Barlow spent Saturday in Pottstown and on Sunday visited her niece near Linfield.

OAKS.

A son of Ed. Johnson is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Mame Bealer is on the sick list, and we heard of a young man of Philadelphia who was sick, was ordered to come out in the country by his physician, believing the change would be to his benefit. But dear me, don't come out in the country in ground hog weather, for the weather has the gripe of the worse kind.

The month of February is a busy little month. Candelmas, pan cake and ground hog day. St. Valentine's Day, Lincoln's birthday, and Washington's birthday. It is only when the month is a leap year month that we have good weather out of respect for the ladies. Might have better weather if we could have votes for women. But why complain of the inevitable?

Ward Nichols was in Pottstown, Friday.

Jesse C. Davis, of Mont Clare, attended church at Green Tree, Sunday.

Mr. Evenson should have been on hand with his music Saturday evening to entertain those who had ate their supper and adjourned to the upper hall.

Carl Pettinato, for short Carl Penato, an Italian employed in the flag factory here at Oaks, was badly injured Tuesday of last week by being caught in a shaft which runs the machinery in the new building. This shaft is coupled to the main shaft from the engine room which turns the machinery in the old factory and is something over a foot from the floor. It is supposed Carl, carrying an armful of rags and strips from the new to the old factory, stepped over the shaft, the strips caught in the shaft, and the velocity of the shaft soon had the man, rags and strips, wound tightly around it, and as the shaft became jammed it forced its uncoupling from the main shaft. The sudden stopping of the machinery in the new factory led the employees to find the cause, when they found Carl badly jammed in the shaft, his arm so completely bandaged to the

shaft it was a difficult matter to extricate it. Both legs were broken above the knee and he sustained other injuries. Dr. Brown was summoned at once and he ordered the injured man to the hospital. The Phoenixville ambulance corps was notified and made good time to Oaks, and the injured man was conveyed to the hospital there. Working among machinery men become careless, and if Carl would have had the rags and strips carefully bundled or bagged the accident would not have happened.

Mrs. Bert Smith will accept thanks for favors, a birthday lunch.

Dr. Reed and Mrs. Reed of Jeffersonville attended the chicken and waffle supper. Our ladies deserve thanks for the good set out at the supper, and the waffles they were just superb.

The Ladies' Aid of the Green Tree church have some fine and good bed quilts for sale. Can be purchased of Rev. Mr. McKee or Mr. Howard Yocum at their residences, Yocum's Corners.

Arnold Francis purchased three wild turkeys in Juniata county. The gobbler and hens were captured while feeding with a flock of tame turkeys. The other night the gobbler and hen turkey got away from the pen. Mr. Francis succeeded in capturing the gobbler, but the hen is still missing. If a stray turkey hen happens to lodge in your chicken pen don't forget it belongs to Mr. Francis.

Owing to the disagreeable weather Wednesday evening the Civic League did not hold a regular meeting, but postponed the same to Tuesday evening of this week.

Mrs. Charles S. Hallman, of Pottstown, visited friends in Oaks on Thursday.

Two great and good men, Bishop Whitaker and Arch Bishop Ryan, have been taken away by death. The editorial headed Bishop Whitaker in Friday's Philadelphia Press said, and it was well said, "Those who saw him, saw first not the Bishop, but the great man, never swerving from the good life." Bishop Whitaker visited St. Paul's Memorial at Oaks, and always expressed his delight to be able to come here, as he always entertained the highest regard for the people here. His very presence impressed us with his charming influence, that purity of heart, of soul, personified in one human being, and you felt you stood in the presence of all that was good, pure and holy. The Protectors School for incorrigible boys is a monument to the great, the good man, Archbishop Ryan. So have passed away two great and good men, who wielded a mighty, a powerful influence for good throughout our great nation.

The scene of a helplessly drunken man to be dumped out of a liquor cart along the roadside was enacted Friday afternoon with the mercury at the freezing point, and left for those opposed to the traffic of liquor selling to get him home or freeze. It was encouragement to local optionists to make a bold stand.

Rev. Mr. McKee, pastor of Green Tree church, preached a good sermon in said church Sunday. He said that righteousness was the crown of glory, that God's purpose, his favors and mercies are the glory of our redemption.

Sunday was a beautiful day overhead but slippery and muddy underfoot, but when the Civic League gets the swing we will have good footing to church, to school, and all around our town.

We wish to correct a mistake that appeared in this column last week. Mrs. C. P. Miller went as a nurse to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Weaver, of Norristown. She was not held in quarantine against her will. We are glad to report Mrs. Weaver's condition as improving.

The Choral Society of St. Paul's will render a musical entertainment on Saturday evening, February 25, in the school room. Admission, children, 10 cents; adults, 15 cents. It will doubtless be a musical treat, as the young people have made great progress under the leadership of Mr. Simpson, and with Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Wilkinson as basses the results at the church services have been splendid. The entertainment coming on a Saturday evening, should draw a large gathering.

Oscar Krause the Kansas giant who several years ago wedded a Spring City young woman in the Pottstown Opera House, is again making a matrimonial venture, his first marriage having led to the divorce court. This time he is to marry a resident of his old home in Kansas. The future Mrs. Krause is 6 feet, 5 inches tall, and weighs 470 pounds.

Eighteen horses were burned to death in a fire near Edge Hill, this county, which destroyed the barn on the estate of Frank Comly, Monday, entailing a \$10,000 loss.

SPARE THE OLD THINGS.

Most everything is being sacrificed nowadays to the spirit of practicality. Old love letters are destroyed because desk room is needed. The spreading oak that marked for decades the turn of the road is sacrificed to give room to a modern electric sign that tells the same story. The baby's first pair of shoes, wee, dainty and soft as they are, are thrown in the trash pile that there may be room in the top drawer for the powder box.

All of this destruction of "auld lang syne" sentiment and the basis of reminiscence is chuck full of wrong. The most interesting place in or near Washington is Mount Vernon. The most magnificent square in Philadelphia is Independence hall. The most valuable spot in Texas is the old Alamo at San Antonio. Such places as these contain the story of American history, and the citizen who views and thinks while viewing—and no one can view without thinking—becomes instantly a patriot, likewise a better husband and a better father.

Keep the old love tokens. Don't destroy the "old gray bonnets." Treasure the little shoes. Save youth's love letters. And we may not have as much room, but we will have more sweetness, and there will be more heart in the world.—Wichita Beacon.

The Berks County Agricultural Society will try to have the State Grange meeting, in October, held at Reading.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1911, at Perkins Bridge Hotel, Collegeville, one carload of fresh cows, and a few springers, direct from Clinton county. This lot has been especially selected to suit the needs of the farmers and dairymen and will fully come up to the best requirements. Don't miss this sale; if you do, you'll be the loser. Conditions by J. W. MITTERLING.

L. H. Ingram, Auctioneer.
A. T. Allebach, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1911, at Ellis Butts Black Rock Hotel, 25 fresh cows, personally selected in Adams and York counties for this sale. This will be a load of good dairy cows. Come to the sale. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m.

H. J. MARCH.
Wayne Pearson, Auctioneer.
I. E. Miller, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

I will sell at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1911, at my residence at Sunnyside Stock Farm, Trooper, Pa., one carload of fresh cows and three stock bulls from Clinton county, Pa. Gentleman, great care has been taken in the selection of these cows. They are good size, good shape, and big milk producers, and will meet the requirements of those who purchase. Sale at 1.30 p. m. Conditions at sale.

JOS. T. HALLMAN.
David Kratz, Auctioneer.
J. J. Hartman, Clerk.

SHORT NOTICE SALE.

PUBLIC SALE OF 125

Virginia Shoats!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1911, at Dunn's hotel, Graterford, Pa., 125 Virginia Shoats. These shoats were bought by Mr. Langdon and they are nothing but the very best kind. These shoats are from sucking pigs up to 100 pounds in weight. Now any one in need of good shoats should not miss this sale as it is the last time I am going to handle this spring, as they are very scarce and hard to buy. Sale at 1.30 o'clock p. m. Conditions by J. G. FETTEROLF, Auctioneer.

W. W. HARLEY, TRAPPE, PA.

Agent for Syracuse Reversible Sulky Plow, Syracuse and Hamburg Two-horse Plows, One-horse Cultivator with Lever and Covers, Two-horse Riding Cultivators, Wood and Steel-frame Springtooth Harrows, Hand and Power Cornsheller with all attachments, Large Pa-sa Wheelbarrow, Wood Tripletree complete, Wood Doubletree with Rings and Hook, Wood Neck Yokes, and other first-class farm implements.

FIRE TAX NOTICE.

The members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County are hereby notified that a tax was levied on February 1, 1911, of \$1.50 on each one thousand dollars for which they are insured, to pay losses sustained. Payments will be made to the collector or to the Secretary at his office in Collegeville.

Extract from Charter: If any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment within 40 days after the publication of the same, 20 per cent. of the assessment will be added thereto, and if payment be delayed for 60 days longer, then his, her, or their policy shall have become suspended until payment shall have been made.

The 40 days' time for the payment of said tax will date from February 20, 1911.

A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary.

SPECIAL BARGAIN FOR

Home Buyers!

On account of moving into a new home this property in Norristown will be sold at a sacrifice. Three-story brick house, eight rooms with bath, connected with town sewer. Everything in first-class condition. Centrally located; excellent, quiet neighborhood. An opportunity for a home buyer. Apply to W. M. C. LOVETT, 415 Swede St., Norristown.

SHORT NOTICE PUBLIC SALE OF

ONE EXPRESS LOAD OF HIGH-CLASS

Iowa Horses!



Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1911, at one o'clock, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel Stables, Collegeville, Pa.: 1 and 2. Black team, 4 and 5 years old, quiet, well broke, well mated, fine appearance, can step at 3.30 gait; will make fine heartse team; hard to beat. 3 and 4. Light bay team of lovely brown hanks, 5 and 6 years old, weigh 2000, are half brothers, they are the kind you all are looking for. 5 and 6. One bay team, 6 years old, weigh 2000, well mated, well broke, as fine a team as any one owns. 7 and 8. Sorrel team, four and six years old, weigh 2000 lbs.; this is the team you all look over. 9. Broke sorrel, rising 8 years old, 16 hands high, weighs 1200, well broke and quiet; is a "range" hooker, can do any kind of work that will grow in the money. 10. Brown horse, 5 years old, weighs 1250, well broke single or double, will make a fine delivery wagon horse. 11. Bay horse, 5 yrs. old, well broke single or double, is a good general purpose horse. Balance of the lot consist of young horses, ranging from 4 to 6 years old. All well broke, kind you are all looking for. Gentlemen, this is the finest load of horses ever stalled at the Bridge Hotel Stables. The person in need of a horse should not fail to come and look this load over. Horses will arrive two days before the sale for inspection. Two days' trial on every horse you buy. Free dinner will be served to buyers. There will be buyers on hand from Philadelphia market for second-hand horses. Conditions by FRETZ BROTHERS.

L. H. Ingram, Auctioneer.
A. T. Allebach, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

20 HEAD OF

Virginia Horses.



Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1911, at Dunn's Hotel, Graterford, Pa., 20 head of Virginia horses, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years. Langdon writes that this is a better lot than he has ever sold. They are well broke and are of good colors and size. He says he has a few very good driving horses among the lot. The remainder are general draft horses and are ready to go to work. Now, anyone in need of a good Virginia horse should not miss this sale. I think a Virginia horse is worth \$25 per head more than any horse you can buy, because they are as good broke when they are 3 years old as most horses at 6 years old from other climates and they are not as apt to get sick for you. Marketable horses in exchange, but they must be shown before 10 o'clock a. m. on day of sale. I will also have a man here from New Jersey to buy your marketable horses to free dinner for bidders and buyers. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. Conditions by B. F. LANGDON.

J. G. FETTEROLF, Auctioneer.
M. S. Moyer, Clerk.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

On the premises, SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1911, at 2 p. m., the divided estate, right, title and interest of the late Elizabeth Peters (supposed but not guaranteed to be an undivided half, the remaining undivided interest being owned by George H. Peters who will apply to the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county for permission to bid at said sale, and to become the purchaser thereof), of, in and to a message and tract of acres of land, more or less, in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., at the southwestern corner of the Level Road with the main road to York, and of about 80 feet wide on the Level Road. The improvements comprise a three-story plastered stone house, with single roof, porch front and back, frame kitchen. The house has three rooms on each story, and there is a well of water and pump at the door. The other improvements comprise tool shed, chicken house, frame barn containing stalls for two horses and two cows, and a well of water. For full description of the property see Orphans' Court proceedings in the petition for sale of real estate to pay the debts of Elizabeth Peters, or apply to the undersigned.

Also at the same time and place personal property of a decedent, comprising a 24-hour grandfather clock, pair of andirons, and anything else belonging to her personal effects, which may be found by the day of sale. Conditions by the Orphans' Court.

GEORGE H. PETERS,
Administrator of Elizabeth Peters, dec'd.
Wanger and Knipe, Attorneys. 2-16-11

SHERIFF'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, to me directed, will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., in Court Room No. 1, at the Court House, in the borough of Norristown, said county, the following described real estate:

All that certain message and tract of land situate in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, to wit: Beginning in the middle of the Level Road, leading from Evansburg to Arcola Station, bounded by said road, lands now or late of C. Tyson Kratz, Jennie M. Wentz, and others, containing acres of land more or less. The improvements are a 3-story stone dwelling house 36 ft. by 18 ft., with a one-story frame kitchen attached 14 ft. by 14 ft. and a one-story stone kitchen attached 18 ft. by 8 ft., 4 rooms on first floor, 3 rooms on second floor, 3 rooms on third floor, cellar, well at house; stone and frame barn, 58 ft. by 26 ft., overshoot, stabling for four horses and six cows; wagon house, chicken house, wagon house and corner, and other outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Valentine P. Saylor, mortgagor and real owner, and to be sold by CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff.

Down money \$50.00.

Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., January 28, 1911.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property,

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1911, at the residence of the undersigned in the borough of Trappe, the following personal property: Two horses, 7 and 14 years old, fearless of all objects and good workers and drivers. Eight cows, including some of the good milk makers and some fat, 50 chickens. Piano reaper and binder, nearly new; Champion mower, hay tedder, hay rake, two good farm wagons, hay flat, express wagon, fallingtop carriage, 2-horse cultivator, 1-horse cultivator, 2-horse Allright corn planter, disc harrow, spike harrow, roller, Syracuse plow, Champion threshing machine, with barge; Olds gasoline engine, 6 h. p., with Mottisinger Magneto Auto Sparker; shafting, belt, pulleys, New Holland feed grinder. Also a single engine, power wood saw and frame. Two sets of combination farm harness, express harness, set of light single harness, collars, blind and head-baiters; log, cow, and other chains; fork, rakes, shovels, post spade, post-hole digger, lot of carpenter tools, etc.; machinists vise. Also lot of household and press. Sold. Sale at 12.30 sharp. Conditions made known on day of sale.

LESTER H. REBER.
Wayne Pearson, Auctioneer.
H. Shainline, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1911, at the residence of the undersigned on the road leading from Trappe to Linfield, half mile from Trappe, 5 minutes from trolley, the following personal property: Two black horses, 8 years old, weigh 2000 lbs., work anywhere, fearless of all objects and safe for a driver. Bay horse, extra good farm horse, works anywhere and is safe. 6 cows, 3 fat, balance good dairy cows. 2 yearling heifers, 2 bulls, six express hares, old, sired by a registered Jersey bull, dam tested 5.00; 3 steers 1½ years old; 12 pigs, 400 lbs. all white; 3 sows, 150 laying hens, 4 geese, 200 chicks, brood 1. Fido, 1 coop 3x5 ft., several other brooders, lot of coops, 12 barrels chicken manure, 20 bushels of corn, 60 bushels of wheat, potatoes, mostly Irish cobbles; 1000 sheaves of cornfodder, Columbia farm wagon set, 18 ft. hay ladders, wagon box, 2-seater surrey, 2 falltoppers, two 1-horse market wagons, platform spring market wagon with pole and shafts, carry 240 lbs., all nearly new; 300 lb. manure spreader, 50 bu. capacity; Osborne mower, 2 horse rakes, 1 nearly new; Albright riding cultivator with corn planter attachments, 2 single cutters, 2 Syracuse plow, 2 springtooth harrows, sulky plow, wood sled, 1-seater sleigh, cornsheller, 2½ h. p. Olds gasoline engine, 2½ h. p. shafting and 18 ft. 1½ in. shafting, 6 pat. hangers, lot of wood split pulleys, large lot of belting, No. 10 Duplex feed grinder, Ellis threshing machine, hand and power fixtures; 100-gallon Reid power butter churn, ½-bbl. churn, Reid butter worker, 50 lb. capacity; 1½-h. Lafayette butter printer, lot of egg crates and shipping boxes, 6 30-quart milk cans, lot cream cans, milk buckets, strainers, etc.; No. 32 Enterprise power sawmill, 10 ft. long, 24 in. wide, 8 ft. grinder, 8-ft. Enterprise lard press and suifer, 15-lb. scrapable pans, farmer's boiler, 18 in. boiler, hand and power fixtures; 100-gallon Reid power butter churn, ½-bbl. churn, Reid butter worker, 50 lb. capacity; 1½-h. Lafayette butter printer, lot of egg crates and shipping boxes, 6 30-quart milk cans, lot cream cans, milk buckets, strainers, etc.; No. 32 Enterprise power sawmill, 10 ft. long, 24 in. wide, 8 ft. grinder, 8-ft. Enterprise lard press and suifer, 15-lb. scrapable pans, farmer's boiler, 18 in. boiler, hand and power fixtures; 100-gallon Reid power butter churn, ½-bbl. churn, Reid butter worker, 50 lb. capacity; 1½-h. 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With this issue the INDEPENDENT passes into new management. The new editor will endeavor to follow the founder of the paper in striving to make it an influence for the general welfare of the community in which it is published. He will try to encourage a just local pride, more of it in fact than is now evident, though we will never stand for those selfish principles which make for the over-development of one section to the embarrassment of another. Politically the paper's policy will continue to be independent but never neutral. The editor here wishes to gratefully thank the many faithful friends of the paper who have been kind enough to wish him success in his new work and desires to state that he will strive to make the INDEPENDENT in the future merit their unstinted support as it undoubtedly has done in the past.

With the death of James Elverson, editor and proprietor of the Inquirer, there passed away the last of Philadelphia's newspaper proprietors whose name was closely associated with his paper. Born in England and coming to this country when a boy of nine years, Mr. Elverson very soon became a successful newspaper man, and later established the paper in Philadelphia with which his name has ever since been identified.

A WOMAN SUFFRAGE amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is likely to come up at the present session, which will mean good "copy" for the paragraphers. It is doubtful whether the women of Pennsylvania are ready at this time for so progressive a measure, but certainly the Legislature should seriously consider the proposition. Serious-minded persons may differ on the woman suffrage question, but the day has come when the proposition of enfranchising the women is no longer a mere joke. Some day it will be a reality.

CONGRESSMAN WANGER's bill introduced in the House would be a big advantage to the fortunate class of humanity that can afford the luxury of a motor car. There is little sense or reason in making the owner of a car pay a tax to travel in another State. The procedure harks back to the chaotic days when reciprocity between the States of the then new nation had yet to be established. Still at this time it would seem that a law much more urgently needed is one which will in some manner provide that the automobilists shall pay for the roads built by other people's money, which they are literally tearing to pieces.

The views of representative Norristown business men on that tariff question which appeared recently in a Norristown publication, were somewhat interesting reading. Though all one had to do was to glance at the signatures to which was usually added the name of the enterprise of the one whose opinion was stated, and if the reader were at all conversant with the tariff question, he could readily pre-suppose the position taken. Of course the woolen manufacturers think that "tariff tinkering is dangerous to the financial interests of the country." If they failed to take that position they would cease to be just business men and could be classed as far-sighted men whose patriotism is greater than love of lucre.

The proposition now before Congress to tax magazines by charging a high rate of postage on advertising matter is meeting with considerable opposition the country over. It may, as Postmaster General Hitchcock contends, considerably decrease the postal deficit, but that decrease will be at a dear price if the popular magazines are seriously handicapped. The cheap magazine, with the newspaper, without doubt has been a very great influence in keeping the public informed and has greatly aided in the self-improvement of many of the people. Then, too, it looks very much like a direct slap at many of the so-called "yellow" publications which have been persistently flaying present political methods and which have frequently been none too complimentary with Mr. Taft and his administration.

The movement to improve and regulate the civil service of Pennsylvania should be given hearty support.

GOVERNOR WILSON, of New Jersey, in selecting for the important office of State Commissioner of Public Roads a successful business man and a practical engineer, sets an example for the rest of the country. Mr. Stevens, of Hoboken, the appointee, at first refused to consider the idea, but was later persuaded by New Jersey's Executive to sacrifice his business interests for the public service. Every year in the National and in the several State governments positions requiring technical skill and executive capacity are filled by inefficient party faithfuls. The service suffers, but it is considered good politics. The day has come, however, for the passing of that brand of "good politics." Party leaders will some day come to be chosen whose ambition will be to see their party give the people the very best service possible. Good service is only to be gotten from first grade men. We will have to pay higher salaries, but in the end the business methods which practical men will introduce in all departments will mean a saving of many times the amount of the increase in salary. Only a year or two ago the Department of the Treasury at Washington was still without adding machines, preferring to do the work in the old-fashioned way (though large business houses had long discarded it) because it meant more government dependents. This antiquated style of playing the political game cannot much longer continue.

It is to be hoped that the Parcels Post measure will become a law. If the rural mail carriers were permitted to deliver express matter the farmers of our country would be greatly benefitted.

THE manuscript copy of Mark Twain's "A Double-Barreled Detective Story," written on one side of 126 pages and signed in full at the end by the author, last week sold for \$790 in New York.

No ONE thought for a moment that the New York defeat would long keep the ex-President under. Last week, writing to Senator Dix Smith, once a fellow member of Roosevelt in the New York Assembly, he took a dig at somebody's shins, though nobody has ventured a guess as to whom it was intended. This is what he said:

"Interested though I am in progressive politics, I am even more interested in what I may call 'progressive Christianity'; that is, in having Catholic and Protestant join in standing on a square ethical basis.

"We have got to be against the man who is a crook, without any regard to whether he is a Catholic or Protestant, and for the honest man equally, whether he is a Catholic or whether he is a Protestant, and we must not let the bigots on either side bring any trouble to us in America."

THE PAN-AMERICAN UNION, opened in Washington this week, is a good thing no matter from what side viewed. Growing out of the commercial purpose to increase trade between the countries of the New World it has come to have a broader significance and will in time be one of the means of closer binding together the people of the Western Hemisphere. Our trade with South America has grown considerably of late years and that a friendly spirit exists between the two sections was evinced not long ago when a South American University exchanged friendly greetings with the University of Pennsylvania. There are, too, many young men from the continent to the south of us who are pursuing courses of study in the Universities of the United States. All of which will greatly benefit all of the nations involved by helping to further the great cause of the Universal Brotherhood of all Nations, perhaps even more than a \$10,000,000 gift to the cause of peace. Commercial intercourse between nations makes any idea of war abhorrent to the ruling business interests.

NORRISTOWN LETTER.

NORRISTOWN, PA., February 14, 1911.

It is to be deplored that political debts should be paid through the jury box. Justice cannot accrue to parties at action with judgment being passed upon by men in whom the public has no confidence. The time is ripe for a radical change in the selection of juries. It is up to the members of the bar, in the interests of their clients, to act promptly and properly on this question.

Merchants who have substituted boxes of candy instead of a direct cash consideration, in chance games, are courting the wrath of the District Attorney.

The naming, at the eleventh hour, of Dr. John N. Jacobs as Comptroller, proves that Leader Johnson is long and clear-headed on political deals, that count every time they develop. No man of prominence is more independent in thought, views or action on public questions or political affairs than Dr. Jacobs.

OBSERVER.

From C. A. Snow & Co., Patents.

Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1911.

—With a scant three weeks of the Congressional session remaining, not one of the important measures before Congress when the session began has been disposed of. Reciprocity with Canada marked a new line of cleavage among the Republicans and Democrats in Washington. Early in the present week, Senators were hopeful that they might solve the problem by letting the reciprocity agreement severely alone, but later it was brought sharply to their attention that unless there shall be a vote on this reciprocity agreement they will be called back to Washington promptly after the 4th of March and compelled to remain until there is an expression in the Senate either for or against it. And now the President is away from Washington making speeches mainly devoted to this reciprocity with Canada question and there is a strong impression that the country, except in isolated spots, is in favor of the agreement recently made between us and our northern neighbor.

The fact that the English papers and the leader of the opposition in the English Parliament are opposed to reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States will doubtless have some influence in favor of its approval by Congress in this country. It will be many years, perhaps centuries, before the United States and British America become one country, but the dividing line must some time fade just as the Mason and Dixon line has faded. There are a hundred reasons for the commercial, social and political solidarity of North America. There is not one valid reason in opposition. There is no possibility of the absorption of Canada by the United States or the absorption of the United States by Canada. Absorption is not to be thought of, but commerce between two countries ought to be as free and unrestricted as between Ohio and Indiana.

There is no opposing vote in the Senate to Senator Cullom's project authorizing a Lincoln Memorial worthy of the great President and in keeping with high ideals of architectural grandeur. The form of the memorial has not been decided upon. It is left to the judgment and taste of a commission who it is hoped will make a wise and appropriate selection. There have been suggestions of a boulevard connecting Washington and Gettysburg, also a project for a triumphal arch like the Arch of Triumph in Paris or its prototype in Rome. There is also a project to have the memorial occupy the center of the great plaza stretching from the Capitol to the Union Station. The appropriation for this monument is two millions, but it is possible that this sum will be added to before the memorial is completed.

The appropriation by the lower house of Congress for diplomatic residences in a number of European and also in some Asiatic capitals is a new but needed departure in our foreign diplomatic policy. The amount for the building of or purchase of consular ambassadorial or ministerial residences is not to exceed \$150,000, but this amount will go much farther in the building of suitable residences for our representatives in foreign countries than it would in any American city. Now having appropriately prepared for the lodging of our diplomatic representatives, perhaps Congress can be persuaded to consider in an unfrenzied way a proper uniform for our ministers, consuls and ambassadors, something different from the evening dress worn by butlers and waiters all over the world. Careful analysts know that there is just as much vanity and affectation and ostentation in Quakerlike plainness as there is in gorgeous attire, and since an overwhelming majority of the world at home and abroad get their first impressions from clothes, it is not improper that we give them through our foreign representatives a correct impression of the wealth and strength of the United States. Our affected plainness is not less ostentatious than it is deceiving.

Fifty years ago the writer of a book called "Beyond the Mississippi" expressed the popular feeling in behalf of the express companies when he told how the Fargo Express Co. carried over two million letters within a single year at the cost of 12 1-2 cents a letter, which he said clearly "illustrates the superiority of private enterprise, and," he argued, "abolish the postoffice department, leave this like other carrying trade, to private competition, and the mail service of the United States will be performed 50 per cent. cheaper and 100 per cent. better than it is to-day." This is very much like the anti-parcels post argument we are having now.

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AIR EXPLORATION.

Now that the Alps have been crossed and the pathless forests and seas invaded by navigators of the air, explorers will probably once more feel encouraged in their hopes of ere long reaching parts of the globe heretofore inaccessible. In Batavia and in the Netherlands, as well as in Germany, there are associations and individuals particularly interested in the project of traversing the Island of New Guinea, the interior of which, owing to the mountain chains, with peaks up to 18,000 feet, presents exceptional difficulties. In the expectations that observations and photographs taken from above would greatly aid future exploring parties, three airship trips are planned, to cross the island at different places; and, to insure safety, vessels are to ply the sea in order to come to the rescue in case the airship is carried out beyond the island.

WILD BRITISH CATTLE.

The wild cattle of Great Britain have become one of the curiosities of the bovine race in England. There are very few herds of them remaining, and most of these are diminishing from a very natural cause. Of course they are confined in parks and are jealously guarded from any admixture of alien blood. They are as wild as buffaloes and are treated in the same way as deer. In color they are white, with red ears, and historians assert that they had a large share in the evolution of the Shorthorn as it is known to-day. It is certain that the color mentioned very often crops up quite unexpectedly in our pedigree herds. They will probably become extinct in a few years owing to the extreme difficulty of procuring sires unrelated to the herds and yet of the same breed.—Farm and Home.

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SAVAGES OF ASIA.

The Untamed Chites of Tibet Are Idolaters and Cannibals.

MURDER IN THEIR RELIGION.

At Their Wild Ceremonies the Priests of These Barbarians Offer Up Human Sacrifices to Their Grotesque and Repulsive Stone Gods.

A religious festival by a savage tribe of Asia, in which occurred a human sacrifice and the burning of the victim on a funeral pyre, is described by William Jameson Reid in his book, "Unexplored Asia." The rites were held in a place called Chite City, Tzuchan, which was reached after a hazardous journey through the Ping mountains. He says:

"Let me give a brief history of this strange race, who for centuries have defied the most persistent research of explorers and ethnologists. Many centuries ago, in the vicinity of Shanghai, there lived a highly enlightened race known as the Chites. They were the most fanatical and bigoted Buddhists, so fanatical, in fact, that their turbulent spirits and eager desire to sow the seed of proselytism caused frequent revolutionary disturbances. The government, as its only means of salvation, made war on them. For years the Chites battled against overwhelming odds until at last, their numbers fearfully reduced, they gradually retired to the west, settling here and there, only to be again driven back. After years of wanderings they located in the wild mountain region of northwestern Tibet.

"For untold centuries they have held entirely aloof from their more civilized Chinese neighbors, and today they are as untamed and barbarous as were their fierce ancestors. Many of them are savages of the worst degree; even cannibalism is said to be prevalent among many of them. They acknowledge no allegiance to the emperor, entirely ignore the authority of the mandarins and hold no communication with the outside world. Yet we have visited their wild domain; we have penetrated into their stronghold and have witnessed their strange customs.

"It had been our intention to steal into the city under cover of night, but from our position of vantage we could see that some religious demonstration was in progress, and we did not dare to move. For half an hour our guides (natives) crawled out on the plain and returned with the information that they had discovered a considerable cave in the hillside to the left of the town, which would screen us from observation and at the same time permit us to watch the movements of those inside the walls. We had just time to reach our place of concealment when the leaders of the procession entered the narrow orifice and halted while torches were being lit to guide their passages through the gathering gloom. Following them pressed the unkempt crew, until the interior of the dome shaped cave was filled to the point of suffocation.

"For half an hour the ear torturing strife of discord waxed louder at every moment until a hundred devils in human form flitted beneath the flare of flickering torches. A frenzied enthusiasm would leap into the air, lacerating himself with a knife, grasping the gory strip of flesh and grinding it under his heel, or taunting a neighbor into the spirit of emulation by flaunting before his eyes the ghastly piece of flesh. Suddenly from out the compact mass rose a howl of mingled anguish and fury, and a solitary individual mounted a sort of platform and stretched forth his hand. Evidently he was a high priest. Instantly there was silence. The light of the torches enabled us to see the man who had mounted the platform. He was a tall, gaunt individual. All his right side was naked, and his face was covered with gaping rents of knife wounds, from which blood trickled.

"A garment of coarse cloth covered his body below the waist. Soon we saw five others follow him upon the platform, which was of raised earth. In a recess in the wall at the rear of the platform one could see the distorted form of a gigantic image—a stony, impassive figure of such grotesque ugliness that one could not help wondering how a race of people, however unenlightened, could bring themselves to worship an object of such repulsiveness.

"At last a fearful moment was at hand. An old man was seized and stretched upon a sort of stone altar, raised above the platform. He realized his last hour had come, and he struggled in fear and fury to escape from the grasp of his captors, giving vent to shriek after shriek until, exhausted, he fell into a stupor. Four of the priests held the faintly struggling body, while from the gloom stalked forth the sacrificial priest, his hand holding a long knife. Once, twice, thrice he abased himself before the image, and then, turning round like a beast ready to leap upon its prey, he rushed toward the prostrate form. A flash of light and the keen blade sank to the hilt in the flesh of the victim.

"Three times did the worshippers on the floor rise and abase themselves, and then quickly the minor priests seized the lifeless body and held it in the air. For a moment it silhouetted against the fitful glare of the fire; then the flames leaped forward in eager ecstasy to receive their prey."

Kindness in us is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in another.—Lander.

HIS WARD

He Was Very Much Surprised When He Saw Her

By Ella B. Barker

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Mr. Willard Lane, bachelor, returned to his house after business, sat down in the library and took up a newspaper. He turned over the sheets three or four times, vainly endeavoring to become interested in something, and finally fell to reading the advertisements. Then he threw down the paper and, leaning back in his chair with a bored expression, mused:

"This house is comfortable, but it isn't home. I have a mind to give it up and take bachelor apartments. I can buy anything I want, but I can't buy a helpmeet. I'd give one-half of all I'm worth if I could go back ten or fifteen years and meet again the girls I used to associate with. I'd propose to every one of them successively till I got one for a wife. There's Molly B., married and four children; Matilda B., gone, I don't know where; Edith Jenks is still unmarried, but she was always sour as vinegar, and she hasn't improved with age. As for me, I'm altogether too old to get a wife from among young women, and I'm sure none but a youthful one could ever get on with me, and she would have a hard time of it. I'll sell this tomb!"

"A letter for you, sir."

Mrs. Parker, the housekeeper, handed him a missive that the postman



had just left at the door. He opened and read it:

Willard Lane, Esq.:
Dear Sir—We have to announce to you that by the will of the late Hamilton Bingham, which has this day been admitted to probate, you are appointed executor of his estate and guardian of his daughter, Marie Southworth Bingham. Your ward has no relatives, and it is incumbent upon you to provide a home for her. Very respectfully, your obedient servants, KINGSLEY & KINGSLEY, Attorneys.

"Well, well! Poor Bingham's gone! And left his child to me! Why didn't these musty attorneys say something about her age? Will she need a nurse, or is she old enough to go to school by herself? Let me see. I have had no knowledge of Bingham for a dozen years. I can't figure out how old the child is. But, any way, it will live up in this tomb to have any living thing in it. I mustn't sell it. I'll need it for her home. By Jove, that's what I'll do! I'll make a home for her right here!"

Going out to a telegraph office, he sent the following message to the attorneys: "Send Marie Bingham here." During the evening Mr. Lane received a reply that his ward would be with him at 5 o'clock the next evening, and it was suggested that he meet her at the station. Calling for Mrs. Parker, he gave her minute instructions as to the preparations he desired made.

"Put in order," he said, "the two rooms adjoining on the west, second story—the one for a nurse, the other for a child. In the garret is a crib that has been there for years. Get it down, and I'll order a new mattress."

"How old is the child, sir?" asked the housekeeper.

"How old? I don't know. The stupid attorneys didn't say anything about her age, but I figure it out that she can't be over, say, ten years old. If she is I've been getting old mighty fast. I hope she's between six and twelve. We'll assume that she's seven, not too old for dolls, sets of dishes and all that. At any rate, I'll provide these when I go downtown tomorrow. Poor little thing! I wish her to feel at home. She's just lost her father."

"I'll see that everything is done, sir." So Lane the next day sent home all that was required, including such toys as would please a child seven years old. There were three dolls and a playhouse big enough for the little girl to get into—that is, if she wasn't large for her age. By 4 o'clock in the afternoon the two rooms were in prime order and looked both comfortable and cozy.

At 5 o'clock Mr. Lane was at the station and watched the people pour from the train when it came in, looking for a woman with a little girl, but there was none such—at least none that did not go away at once. Lane was disappointed. He had made up his mind to have his little companion by him at the table for dinner. He was turning away when a girl about seven years old came running toward him.

"I beg pardon, sir. Have you seen an

elderly gentleman who appeared to be waiting for some one?"

"No; I have not."

"He was to have met me here, but I don't see him."

"I was to have met a little girl myself. She hasn't come, or if she has I've missed her."

"I don't know what I'm going to do."

"I have a carriage outside and will be happy to drive you wherever you wish to go."

"Thank you ever so much. I'm to go to my guardian, Mr. Willard Lane, No.—"

"What?"

"Mr. Lane."

"I thought you said he is an elderly gentleman."

"Why, I suppose he is. He and my father—"

"Are you Marie Bingham?"

"Yes."

Lane looked at her for a moment as if dazed, then said:

"I'm the elderly gentleman you're looking for, and you're the child I'm looking for. I'm your guardian. Come right along."

Seizing a bag she carried, he led her out of the station, put her into a carriage and drove her home. The housekeeper received them at the front door and looked surprised at seeing instead of a child a tall, willowy girl who might have passed for twenty.

"Just wait here a few moments," said Lane to his ward. "I wish to be sure your room is all right. Mrs. Parker, we'll go and see."

The two hurried upstairs.

"We must get this out first," he said, taking hold of one end of the playhouse.

"She'd never get in it in the world," remarked Mrs. Parker dryly.

"Run it up into the garret."

The crib was next removed, after which the dolls, sets of dishes and other toys. Then Lane went down and told Miss Marie Bingham that her rooms were ready for her.

Mrs. Parker had been in the Lane family long enough to have taken care of Willard Lane when he was a kid. She was the only woman upon whom he could rely for advice, and as soon as she came downstairs he said to her: "What am I to do? Will it be proper for me to keep her here?"

"In the first place, Mr. Willard, I understand she has no other home. Some people will think it right for you to give her a home here with me for chaperon, while some will talk. But if we're going to listen to what people say of us we'll be hearing something disagreeable all the while. If she's happy here I see no reason why she shouldn't stay."

"That settles it; she remains."

Marie Bingham was of an age to be treated either as a woman or one just emerging from childhood, especially by her father's old friend. The tomb, as he had called his house, seemed to have thrown off its sepulchral atmosphere from the day she came into it. For some time after her arrival she felt deeply the loss of her father. But youth is quick to throw off sorrows, and even during this period she was cheerful. Beyond this was the presence of a young girl. It seemed that the very atmosphere had been changed. The servants were better contented and easier to manage. Mrs. Parker's heart, that had been supposed to have congealed with age, came out to the motherless girl, and she was happy in having some one to care for. As for Lane, it seemed to him that he walked lighter, breathed freer—indeed, that the whole world had taken on a brighter hue.

Three years passed, years that Lane afterward referred to as the happiest of his life. From the first he was interested at having the direction of a young girl's education, the same as if she were his own daughter. Her income was a slender one, entirely inadequate to give her special advantages. He supplied the deficiency, keeping her in ignorance of the fact.

"I must find some young fellows for her," he said to Mrs. Parker. "She needs to associate with young men of her own age."

Mrs. Parker looked up at the ceiling and said nothing.

So Lane hunted up some of the younger members of his club and took them to call upon his ward. She appeared to enjoy their society, but it was not to be expected that she would fulfill the purpose for which he had brought them—that is, that she should marry one of them. Her twenty-first birthday was near at hand, when by the terms of her father's will her inheritance was to be turned over to her, and, though her guardian had trotted up a number of attractive young men, she had shown none of them any preference.

The day she was twenty-one Lane handed in to the chancery court an account of his stewardship. His ward surprised him by asking for a copy of it. He gave it to her, and she perused it carefully.

"I can't make this out," she said to her guardian. "What has been the average income from the estate since father's death?"

"About \$700."

"How much have you charged me for board?"

"There hasn't been any income for board. It has all been needed for schooling."

"And how much has been drawn for schooling?"

"Nothing has been drawn for schooling. It was all needed for board."

She looked up from the paper. There was a revelation for him in that look. She put out her hand and rested it on his. He drew her to him and kissed her.

The next morning Lane said to Mrs. Parker, "I have a surprise for you. What is it?"

"Marie is going to turn down all the boys to marry the old man."

"Tut! That's no surprise."

PAPUAN COURTESY.

Husbands Beat Each of Their Wives With a Different Club.

The marriage customs of the Papuans are somewhat similar to those of many other savage races. The ceremony is largely a matter of purchase. The men marry when they are about eighteen years of age and the girls at fourteen or even earlier.

When a young man desires to get married he visits the father of his prospective bride and puts forward his personal belongings as an inducement to the father to consent to the union.

If a man has a gun he is a great personage and can demand anything, but besides their bows and arrows and spears most of the Papuans have very little. Even agricultural produce is scarce, the only cultivation undertaken being on a very primitive scale.

A little clearing is made by both men and women, and the women then grow bananas and sweet potatoes. The men are always armed, and when the women go to the patch to attend to their crops or gather the produce the men go with them as a protection. The women, however, do the work.

Many families have a bundle of ancient Portuguese cloth centuries old, and when a young man is seeking a bride one of these heirlooms is generally part of the deal. The youth and the girl's father haggle over the marriage until eventually they agree to terms, and then the thing is done. The men are not limited to one wife, and once a girl is married she is subject to her husband in everything and is practically his slave.

"In another part of New Guinea," says a writer in the Wide World magazine, "I remember a distinctly strong confirmation of the custom which places a woman at the entire mercy of her husband. At one house I visited I saw standing outside the doorway three huge stone clubs, each large enough to fell a bullock."

"On making inquiries I found that they talked with the number of wives owing allegiance to the householder. The clubs were used by the man to beat his wives with if they annoyed him. The quaint part of it was that while the women seemed to raise no objection to being flogged unmercifully by their lord and master they would not be beaten with the same weapon as that used on another woman, so the native kept a separate club for each wife."

DEATH IN THEIR WORK.

Dangers That Beget Those Who Toil In Alkali Factories.

Do you like your work? When you are inclined to be discontented with it think of the alkali workers. They die by inches from the moment they enter the factories. Things are not so bad now as they once were, but they are bad enough still.

In what is known as the "black ash" department in chemical works big open vats of caustic are used. The splashing of this caustic sends drops of the burning fluid flying through the air. A drop falling upon naked flesh causes a bad burn. A drop in the eye will blind it forever if the stuff is not removed within a few seconds.

A black ash worker in a Welsh alkali factory, toiling at the caustic pots, received an invisible globule of this deadly spray in his eye. There was no water at hand with which to wash out the caustic. It seemed that he must surely go blind. But one of his mates seized on the injured man, who was quite frantic with pain, lifted his eyelid with forefinger and thumb and with his tongue licked out the caustic. He burned his tongue badly, but he saved the other poor fellow's sight.

Another of the dangers that beset the alkali worker—and the worst of them all—is poisoning by chlorine acid gas. This gas, which comes off the lime in thin green fumes, is known to the men and joked about as "Roger." A full in-draft of the gas kills a man in an hour.—Pearson's Weekly.

End of the Trail.

"I lost a pocketbook with a roll of bills in it a few weeks ago," Charlie Gibson told us. "I didn't make a fuss about it and tell the papers, but it was more than I could afford to lose. So I put a detective on it. He asked a lot of questions, looked wise and said he'd report in a day or two. Well, about three days later I found that pocketbook where I had mislaid it. I rejoiced exceedingly, and then I called up the detective agency to confess. The sleuth seemed disgusted. "Mighty careless of you," he said. "And I'd just found a darned good clew too!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sydney Smith's Criticism.

The story is told in Mr. Barry O'Brien's book on John Bright how on one occasion Sydney Smith, while looking critically at the unfinished portrait of a celebrated nonconformist divine, said to the artist, "Do you not think you could throw into the face a stronger expression of hostility to the established church?"

Conscience.

There are moments when the pale and modest star, kindled by God in simple hearts, which men call conscience, illumines our path with truer light than the flaming comet of genius on its magnificent course.—Mazzini.

Pretty Slow.

Senior Partner—Our new office boy seems rather diffident. Junior Partner—What makes you think so? Senior Partner—He has been here three days and he hasn't called me by my first name yet.—Good News.

To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability.—Goethe.

ABDUL THE TIMID.

The Crafty Turkish Despot Wore a Crown of Terror.

HIS PALACE LIKE A PRISON.

Yildiz, a Place of Mystery, Was the Production and the Abode of Fear Unutterable—His Dread of Assassination and His Horror of the Dark.

For long years Abdul Hamid had been haunted and tormented by the nightmare of death. In every shadow he seemed to see an assassin. All his vast power could not bring him one moment of peace and happiness. Not for one moment was Turkey's monarch at ease.

Year by year his fears had been growing upon him. He had a terror of the dark. At night Yildiz always blazed with lights. His sleep had become restless, and he would wake at the slightest sound. Sometimes he would come out of his sleep with a start, frightened by a nightmare, and that would mean hours of wakefulness. At such times he would find the solitude of his room unbearable, and he would send for a sorcerer, who would explain the dream, or a slave, who would read to him from one of his favorite books, those giving detailed accounts of assassinations, executions and other horrors.

He was always armed. His clothes were lined with enormous pockets, which served him both as arsenals and archives and bulged with pistols and rolls of spies' reports.

Everybody at Yildiz was afraid of being shot by him. He was likely to fire at the slightest action that might seem to him suspicious. There is a story that one day a gardener working in the park of Yildiz, on seeing the sultan approach, rose quickly from a stooping posture to assume a respectful attitude. Abdul Hamid, startled by his sudden appearance and suspecting some evil motive, at once fired at him. The man fell dead. Later, as no weapon was found on his body, it had to be acknowledged that a blunder had been committed. Such is the tale told by the son of the late Prince of Samos, who was one of the sultan's ministers.

Yildiz, scene of innumerable horrors, had been built by Abdul Hamid himself, and he had made it more like a labyrinth than a palace. It was the production and the abode of fear unutterable. Surely no sane mind planned it. To guard against conspirators getting a plan of his residence its master was continually changing its internal arrangements, walling up doors, opening new ones, narrowing passages, dividing rooms by partitions, making windows and closing them again. It was a constantly changing maze.

To spare himself the danger of crossing the graveled path that separated his apartments from his harem he had linked his residence by flying bridges to the harem on the one side and to the imperial theater on the other. This theater was a gloomy little place, where the monarch would sit entirely hidden from view in his box while actresses and singers from Paris and other European cities entertained him. He never came into view, never applauded, and the visible audience consisted of a few members of his family.

The building used by Abdul Hamid as his private residence looked more like a prison, for all the lower windows were securely barred and the heavy iron doors were of great strength and capable of being firmly bolted inside.

Every room in the palace was provided with a couch on which the sultan could sleep if he felt inclined. Nobody ever knew in what room he would sleep on any given night. Before retiring to rest he would sometimes call his attendants and say to them: "Keep a good lookout. I am going to sleep tonight in this room." But he would invariably sleep somewhere else.

On the roof of the imperial apartments was an astronomical observatory which had been fitted up with an exceedingly good telescope by a Parisian firm. This observatory was a favorite place with the sultan, yet he took not the slightest interest in astronomy. The telescope was there to serve his own purpose of espionage, for he used it almost exclusively for the purpose of watching the residence of Prince Yusuf Izzedin, eldest son of Abdul Aziz and heir presumptive to the throne. His glass was never turned upon the heavens.

But sometimes from his lonely lookout the monarch saw stranger things than the residence of Prince Yusuf, things that no other human being had ever dreamed of. There were times when his morbid imagination played curious pranks with him.

It was on the day following an attempt upon his life by one Ali Souavi and a revolt at Teheran, both of which incidents greatly upset him, that Abdul Hamid hurried down from his observatory with a wild look in his eyes and called his first secretary, who at that time was Ali Fuad Bey. He led the secretary to a window, and, pointing to the sublime porte some miles away, he said, trembling with fear:

"Did you see them? They have met yonder to proclaim my downfall!" "Who?" asked the startled secretary. "My ministers," exclaimed the sultan. "My own ministers are now in the act of deposing me. Can't you see them?"

This statement was quite unfounded, and it was a long time before the secretary could calm his frightened master.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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AN UNKNOWN RACE.

Traditions of the Hohokam, Who Were the First Americans.

In the beginning the Hohokam dwelt in the land. They were the first Americans—before the pilgrim fathers, before the Spaniards, before the Indians. They were the unknown people who lived in the United States so long ago that their name is utterly lost. In the southwest old tribes of Indians like the Zunis and Navajos know nothing of them save by vaguest tradition. The Pimas and Papagos of southern Arizona, who occupy part of the land that once was theirs, know that another race possessed the country long ago. More they cannot tell. They and their fathers for hundreds of years have seen what we see—the scanty remnants of ancient villages. For the inhabitants of the villages they have no name except the Hohokam—that is, the "unknown."

The modern archaeologist describes the implements and pottery of the Hohokam. He cannot do much more, for their houses are laid low. Except in a few places, such as the ruins of Casa Grande, near the Gila river, the very walls have vanished. Casa Grande itself may be the work of a people later than the main body of the Hohokam. We can never know the whole story. Yet little by little we may learn its chief facts. Arizona and the adjacent regions are full of ruins unknown to scientists and even to the people who live within a mile of them. They are so nearly obliterated that there seems at first sight little to repay study.

Archæology begins the task of reconstructing the past. Geography must finish it. Modern geography enables us to determine the mode of life which must prevail, especially among primitive peoples, under given conditions of physical environment. If we can correctly picture the geographic environment of the Hohokam we may learn much of the history of our earliest fellow countrymen.—Ellsworth Huntington in Harper's Magazine.

BOILERS AND BODIES.

Alike in Many Respects in the Treatment They Require.

The boiler has a certain temperature corresponding with the working pressure it is desirable to use and for which it was constructed.

The body has its normal temperature. Any variation above or below this means too high bodily pressure or a reduced vitality.

The fuel put into a boiler should be that which it is designed to burn. Differently constructed boilers will not economically burn the same fuel.

The body should receive the food it is best able to assimilate. Diverse constitutions require diverse nourishment.

A boiler should be fired with small, equal quantities of fuel at stated intervals; large masses irregularly fed are fatal to satisfactory results.

The body should be fed similarly; overloading the stomach produces imperfect digestion and deranges our physical systems.

Boilers are insulated by brickwork, cellular asbestos, etc., to prevent loss of heat by radiation.

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Some boilers well designed produce good results with a small fuel consumption; others are less economical. The more perfect the boiler the less the consumption of fuel.

Some individuals are so constituted that they exist on small quantities of food; others in the same circumstances consume much more. The more perfect the physical development the less the food required.

The above data, intelligently used, govern good boiler practice.

The above will also secure health and good digestion.—Popular Magazine.

Why the Trunk Was Slow.

"I had a most delightful time last summer," gushed Miss Noling, "but I was dreadfully inconvenienced at Leadlandville waiting for my trunk. I went there by the N. T. C. so as to take advantage of the scenery along the route, but I had to send my trunk on the slow B. C. and E."

"But why couldn't you have sent your trunk on the N. T. C. too?" murmured Miss Sterling. "Because," explained Miss Noling, glad to show her superior knowledge, "I learned from a friend of mine that the N. T. C. is not a trunk line."—Brooklyn Life.

A Ready Sealer.

For traveling carry a candle with you, and when about to make a jump, as the theatrical people say, seal your bottles with it. It takes only a minute to light the candle, turn it upside down and let the tallow drip around the cork of a bottle, but it insures perfect carriage of the fluid content.—Good Housekeeping.

Seeing Trouble Ahead.

"My wife is always borrowing trouble." "What kind is she borrowing now?" "She is afraid whiskers will be in style when our little boy grows up, so that he will not have a chance to show the cunning dimple in his chin."—Chicago Record-Herald.

In the Blood.

Willis—Are those Kentucky horses you bought scared of autos? Gillis—No, indeed. They never notice a train. Other, but I can't get them used to a sprinkling cart to save my life!—Puck

Getting the Particulars.

Nellie—Hasn't Mr. Felewalley proposed yet? Nora—No, but he has gone as far as to ask what time we have breakfast and whether mother is a good cook.—Exchange.

THEY SCRUB EACH OTHER.

Daily Bath of the Pupils in Copenhagen's Public Schools.

Denmark is one of the cleanest little countries imaginable. In a Copenhagen public school one may see an interesting sight. Mounting the spotless stone staircase to the first flight, every morning you may see at 8 o'clock the children assemble and answer to their names and then march to a dressing room. Here they undress, and each child neatly folds its clothes and puts the tidy little bundle on the floor. Then the children go into a small square room with shelves all around, and on these shelves are innumerable wooden tubs, such as we use in America for washing, with two iron bands around them. Everything is in immaculate order. The teacher gives each child a tub, and he or she takes it into an immense and well lighted wash room.

Of course the girls and boys are washed separately, and they perform their ablutions by grades, the tiniest ones coming first. The floor of this wash room is of cement, and in the center is a latticed wooden floor. All around the top of the walls runs a nickel shower pipe, the water of which is regulated by the teacher. Under these showers at the height where the small fingers can reach are little nickel stands with soap and the stiffest hog bristle brushes, which make one shiver. Near by is also a faucet.

Each child puts his or her tub under the faucet and lets the necessary amount of water into it and proceeds to scrub, not himself or herself, but the child in front—a novel sight and a pretty one for a lover of children. But one could not help thinking what an instrument of torture that innocent brush could be if the small fingers that manipulated it did their duty viciously, paying off some grudge or fancied slight.

When all are clean the teacher turns on the showers, and they are all thoroughly rinsed with first hot and then cold water. Each child is obliged to empty its own tub. Then the clean, rosy little bodies dry themselves with rough towels, standing on the wooden latticed floor. Each tub has to be carefully put away, the children dress themselves, and they file in for prayers, and the business of recitation begins. —Youth's Companion.

Willing to Divide.

An American newspaper correspondent who followed the government army in a revolution in a Latin American country tells a story about an experience that he had with the general commanding the division. The correspondent observed that in every town that the troops invaded they would help themselves to everything that was not nailed, screwed or anchored down. This did not appeal to the American's ideas of the rules of war, and he reported the misdoings of the soldiers to the commander. "That is selfish," said the latter indignantly. "I will see to it that when we reach the next town you will have the first chance."

The correspondent confined himself thereafter to the writing of "copy."—New York Tribune.

Complied With the Conditions.

The monotony of the London postal official's daily routine is frequently broken by the peculiar whims and caprices of eccentric members of the public with whom he is from time to time brought in contact.

A lady once sent to her son a pair of trousers by book post, which is cheaper than parcel post. The postal officials wrote to her: "Clothes cannot be sent by book post. If you will refer to the Postoffice Guide you will see under what conditions articles may be sent by book post." After a few days the lady replied, "I have looked in the Postoffice Guide and find that articles which are open at both ends may be sent by book post, and if trousers are not open at both ends I should like to know what is."—London Answers.

Fear of the Tree.

The first experiments at tree planting in London were sternly discouraged. A. D. Webster tells us in Town Planting that when Loudon built his house in Porchester terrace, Bayswater—this was in the thirties—he planted a sumac by the side of the path opposite. The action was met by prompt and triumphant opposition on the part of the district surveyor, whose complaint was that it was "likely to shade the pathway and keep it damp." In the end the tree had to go.

Proper Chills.

"I've had cold chills running over me all day," the thin man complained. "You ought to be glad of that," said his heartless friend.

"I don't think I understand you. Why should I be glad?" "Oh, well, you know, it is quite an ordinary thing to have cold chills. There's no cause for alarm. Just think what an extraordinary thing it would be if you should have hot chills running over you."—New York Press.

Not a Success.

Sawyer—Twistler has invented a combination broom that can be used for a cane, a trapeze, a rolling pin, a billiard cue, a lawn mower handle and a wooden leg. Gearing—He ought to make money with a broom like that. Sawyer—He could if he only knew how to adjust the bladed thing so it would sweep.—Chicago News.

As It Impressed Him.

"How about the Nile? Great, eh?" "Yes. As I remember it took up several pages in the guidebook."—Washington Herald.

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EROSION IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS.

A report on an exploration in the southern Appalachians, by L. C. Glenn, professor of geology in Vanderbilt University, just published by the United States Geological Survey, is a timely contribution to a subject now engaging wide public attention. It places in the hands of those interested in the best utilization of the great Appalachian watershed the most authentic and detailed information yet presented on the subject, representing as it does the results of expert field investigation.

The purpose of Prof. Glenn's study was to note the extent and the effects, and so far as possible the causes, of erosion in the region examined and to determine the means of preventing the widespread evil results of unwise agriculture and lumbering. Accordingly, he traveled from stream valley to stream valley through the southern mountains, noting and recording with great exactness hillside and mountain side wash and wear, soil removal by galling and soil burial by overwash, stream clogging and stream overflow, the filling of mill ponds and the wrecking of dams and bridges, and numerous other evils that are attributed by many observers, in large part, to reckless deforestation and injudicious attempts to cultivate slopes that are not adapted to agriculture.

Prof. Glenn's studies included parts of eight States—Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama. In the course of the study it was noted that steep slopes formed of certain rocks could be safely cultivated, but that others, no steeper, composed of other, different rocks were cultivated with disastrous results. Observations were made on countless gaping chasms started in steep hillsides by the drag of logs "snaked" down from timbered hilltops—chasms that cave and throw down timber and cause the wash of masses of gravel and cobbles over fertile valley lands below. Bars and shallows formed in navigable streams by sand and gravel loosened far upstream by agricultural and forestry malpractice were noted at hundreds of places and are specifically mentioned in the report.

According to Prof. Glenn the problems thus studied geologically must find their solution in methods that relate largely to forestry and to agriculture. The agricultural problem involves the selection of the areas best suited for agriculture because of fertility and character of soil and moderate slope of surface and the study of the ways in which such areas may best be handled to prevent their own destruction through erosion, as well as the destruction of other lands and property by the waste material they deposit and the floods they help to generate.

Much of the area is not properly agricultural land and should not be cleared and forced into agricultural use, because that forcing means quick destruction both of the area itself and of the lower-lying areas on the same streamways. Such misuse means also slower but none the less sure interference with navigation on the more remote parts of the major stream systems.

The forester would protect steep slopes by keeping them clothed with timber, coax back tree growth on denuded areas, keep down forest fires, protect and perpetuate the supply of hard wood, protect the game and fish, and enhance the beauty and charm of the region as a health and pleasure resort, as well as prevent the navigable streams that flow from these mountains from filling up with the sand and silt whose removal is now costing annually large sums of money.

Prof. Glenn gives also an account of a study made in the basin of Monongahela River in West Virginia and Pennsylvania soon after the great flood of March, 1907, which destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property.

The report is published as Professional Paper 72 of the United States Geological Survey, and can be had free by applying to the Director of the Survey at Washington. It consists of 133 pages and is illustrated by maps and half-tone plates.

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THOMASINE'S CHOICE

And How She Became Rich

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For twenty years Aunt Lucia Morgan had boarded with Mrs. Deacon Flint, and the two front rooms she occupied in that comfortable house comprised the only home she had known since she broke up housekeeping after her husband's death. She had saved the choicest of her furniture and personal belongings and either given away the remainder or sold them. She paid \$8 a week for her rooms and board and, besides, several other expenses. For Aunt Lucia lived comfortably. She was known to have a snug sum of money in the bank, for the Morgans had been well to do and had lived on their interest money. When Aunt Lucia died all her relatives, who were nieces and nephews,



THOMASINE COUNTED THE MONEY.

gathered to pay her the last respects. After the funeral they sat in the front room, which she had used as a parlor, and listened in silence to the reading of the brief will.

The lawyer, Mr. Rhodes, polished his eyeglasses and adjusted them to his long nose. "Ahem!" he said loudly. "Of course you all participated in the generous distribution of Mrs. Morgan's household furniture some twenty odd years ago?"

"All the furniture in these two rooms is bequeathed to Mrs. Deacon Flint in remembrance of her never failing kindness—all the furniture with the following exceptions: Bedstead and mattresses, mahogany bureau to match, light cherry stand, work table, Morris chair and wicker rocker—to be divided among my four nieces—Jane Morris, Ann Squires, Fanny Ray and Thomasine Wells—and my two nephews—George Giles and Luke Howe—in whatever manner my esteemed friend Henry Rhodes may deem wise." Once more the lawyer challenged them to dispute the justice of this will.

"Your aunt also wishes that several personal belongings shall be divided among you in the same way. There is a marble clock, a pair of vases, brass andirons, a china lamp, a looking glass and—her parrot—the stuffed parrot! You all recollect that this faithful bird was the companion of your aunt for many lonely years and that she esteemed it highly."

Thomasine was the only one who vouchsafed an acknowledgment of this tribute to the defunct bird. She never had liked parrots—she thought them noisy, screaming pests—but because poor Aunt Lucia was dead and had thought to mention her dead pet in the will Thomasine smiled and said they had all heard that the parrot was devoted to Aunt Lucia.

"The clothes and little personal belongings were distributed among her close friends before she died," went on the lawyer, referring to the will. "Your aunt has left a sum of money sufficient to cover all necessary expenses, and if there is a little surplus it is to go for the care of her burial plot. That's all."

"I thought there was some money," remarked George Giles, rubbing a sunburned hand over his head in a puzzled manner. He was a prosperous farmer, and he had promised himself a little pleasure trip with any legacy he might receive from Aunt Lucia.

"Here are copies of the will," said the lawyer tersely, handing around duplicates of the document. "You may keep these. You will note that Mrs. Morgan especially emphasizes the fact that each article and all it contains is to go to the one who takes it away. She also suggests that the distribution be made by choice, the oldest one having first choice. This, I think, would be very proper."

"Very well," said Ann Squires eagerly. She was the firstborn among them. The others signified assent with more or less satisfaction according to age. Thomasine Wells felt very helpless somehow. She would have liked to choose the mahogany work table. It was very pretty, with glass knobs on the drawers, but it was very likely that one of the others would want that.

Thomasine was quite poor. She had been apprenticed to a dressmaker when she was fifteen, and now she sewed at home in the few rooms she hired in a small town fifty miles from Little River. The other heirs were well to do farmer folk who had had many opportunities to visit Aunt Lucia and shower attentions upon her declining years. Poor Thomasine had had to

struggle for a livelihood, and only her occasional letters and the carefully made Christmas gifts she made kept her in touch with her old aunt. When she had been a little girl she had spent much time with Aunt Lucia and loved her dearly, and now she was grateful that the old lady had even remembered her sufficiently to mention her name in so important a document as a will.

"As Miss Wells must return to her home early tomorrow morning," remarked the lawyer, "It would seem best for the heirs to make their choice now, and after the will has been probated the articles will be sent on to the owners. I have a list of the heirs compiled from the family Bible, and as Mrs. Ann Squires is the oldest she must have first choice of the furniture." He nodded to the lady in question.

"I'll take the bedstead and mattresses and all it contains," said Ann Squires hastily.

Fanny Ray smiled bitterly and bent her head to that of Jane Morris. "I knew she'd take that! I suppose she thinks the mattresses are stuffed with banknotes."

"Humph!" said Jane sourly. "It's my turn next, Fanny, because you always claimed you was the youngest, you know."

Mrs. Ray smiled sheepishly. "It's got to go according to the records," she said faintly.

"Now, Mrs. Ray," said the lawyer sharply.

"I'll take the bureau," said Fanny quickly. The bureau afforded much space for secreting treasure, and there might even be a hidden drawer.

George Giles looked at the work table, but he was a bachelor and shook his head. Then he chose the Morris chair, and Luke Howe passed the work table and chose a patent rocker because the covering was red. Jane Morris fidgeted impatiently while they were choosing. At last her turn came.

"I wanted that Morris chair," she said bitterly, "but as it's gone I'll have to take the work table, although I've got one already." She looked contemptuously at the remaining article, a small round cherry stand.

"I'll leave you the chair when I'm gone," grinned George Giles.

"Now, Miss Thomasine," encouraged the lawyer.

"I'll take the stand," said Thomasine forlornly.

"Now, the other things, Mrs. Squires, your turn again."

"The marble clock," said Ann promptly. Jane and Fanny exchanged smiles.

"The vases," said Fanny Ray.

"Lamp," said George Giles.

Luke Howe smirked at his reflection in the looking glass and said he'd take that, much to Jane Morris' chagrin.

"Andirons," she snapped viciously, "though I don't want 'em!"

"I—I'll take the parrot," faltered Thomasine as each one arose and began to investigate his or her special choice. They were not unkind people, but each one was unconsciously greedy of gain and none of them realized that the youngest cousin was poor and that the inheritance that had fallen to her share was the poorest of the lot. After the distribution had been made and they had got over their disappointment at there being no money they would forget all unfriendliness and perhaps invite Thomasine to spend vacations with them.

Now they were busily peering and investigating into their different articles with little success. There was nothing but dust in the vases, and the bureau contained naught save a collection of soap coupons. There was a dead wasp in the clock, while the work table contained many sewing materials. It did not occur to Jane that Thomasine might need the work table.

They parted later, and the next morning Thomasine went home and back to work. Ten days later the legacy came by express—the cherry stand and the stuffed parrot on his perch. Thomasine placed the parrot on the stand and stood there near the mantelpiece and forgot them until one day she took in a homeless cat, which she fed and warmed by the kitchen stove. After awhile the cat wandered into the little sitting room, and when he saw the green parrot sitting on the perch he snarled angrily and flew at the unforgiving bird. When Thomasine ran to the scene the floor was covered with bright feathers and the stuffing was protruding from the body of the bird. The cat, chagrined at this one-sided battle, retired to a corner and washed his face.

Thomasine picked up the body of the bird and wondered if she might not repair the damage with needle and thread and glue. Then her eyes opened wider and wider, for the stuffing of that parrot was composed of tinsy wads and rolls of greenbacks, and twisted among them was a queer little note from Aunt Lucia:

Dear Thomasine—I know they'll all pick out the best and leave poor Polly to you, so I have made him worth while after all. You need all of this, and you can keep it without having any dispute over it. Mr. Rhodes knows, and you mustn't tell anybody but your husband, if you ever have one, but I don't see how you ever can, handicapped with that dreadful name. With Aunt Lucia's love.

Through her tears Thomasine counted the money and found there was \$5,000, and her worn little face was glorified by a smile of perfect relief. Now she could close her sewing machine and buy a farm and raise chickens! As a beginning she closed the machine with a loud clatter. Then she hugged the strange cat and adopted him on the spot, and thereafter he waxed fat and lazy and never even blinked at the young chickens that ran about Thomasine's poultry farm.

And Thomasine never told a soul about the strange way her legacy had come to her until after she was married, and then she told her husband, for of course she got married.

Farm and Garden

KEEPING BOYS ON FARMS.

Government's Corn Club Movement Found to Interest the Youngsters.

In a farmers' bulletin describing demonstration work on southern farms the United States department of agriculture declares that "one of the outgrowths of the demonstration work is the boys' corn club movement. We were in a position, through our organization and our force in the field, to perfect the corn club idea and give the instructions necessary to systematize it." Under our supervision every boy enrolled works a definite piece of ground under definite instructions that will give him an exact knowledge of



THE BOY AND THE CROP—FIRST THE BOY BECAME INTERESTED; THEN HE GREW THIS CORN.

[From bulletin United States department of agriculture.]

how to work large crops. One of the strong features of the demonstration work is that it is co-operative, and in the boys' work we frequently find the other vital forces of the county—the superintendent of public education, the teachers, the business men, the newspapers and the parents—all giving aid and support.

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Crocuses make pretty borders when planted on the lawn in front of tall plants or hedges. Plant them liberally if you wish their splendid effect.

If you observe that the shoots on your trees grow only five or six inches every year you may know the soil needs to be enriched. The growth ought to be from fifteen to thirty inches every season.

Remove every dead tree from the orchard. They are veritable breeding places for fruit pests.

On every crate of fruit, whether for local market or for shipment, the wholesale trade should have the name and address of the grower. Only those who have inferior fruit can afford to neglect this.

FEEDING VALUE OF OATS.

Analyses of Straw and Grain Made by Federal Agricultural Department.

The analyses of oat straw show that this roughage well deserves its reputation as the best of its class for feeding. In protein and fat it is higher in feeding value than wheat, barley or rye straw, while in carbohydrates there is little difference. Pound for pound in its natural condition it is also materially better than corn stover on account of the greater moisture content of the latter, but the dry matter in corn stover is rather richer in food constituents than that in oat straw.

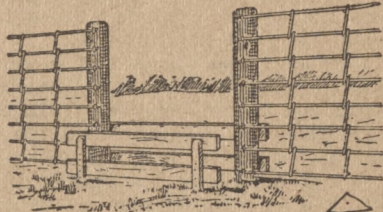
Oat hay is shown to be slightly inferior to barley hay in feeding value, but it ranks higher than timothy hay in protein and fat and in consequence is a slightly better feed. Hay made from the bearded varieties of barley is sometimes not readily eaten by stock on account of the beards. The waste thus occasioned makes oat hay fully as valuable ton for ton as hay made from bearded barley.

Oats cut green for feeding contain less water than either corn or rye. The superiority of oats over rye for soiling is particularly noticeable, as the oats are much higher in total food value. Green oats compare quite favorably pound for pound with green clover.

The feeding value of any article depends not only on its chemical composition, but on the digestibility of the matter it contains. It may contain a very high proportion of valuable food material, but part of this material may be in such form that animals are not able to digest it. While the hull of oats contains little that is digestible, it serves to lighten the grain ration and to give bulk and in that way aids the complete digestion of the grain. Oats contain more digestible protein than barley or corn and nearly as much as wheat. This grain is also much higher in fat than barley or wheat and practically as high as corn. In carbohydrates, the cheapest portion of the food, oats are considerably lower than any of the other grains. Oat straw ranks much higher in digestible protein and fat than the straw from any of the other grains and nearly as high in carbohydrates. It contains less protein than corn stover, but more of the other food constituents. Oat hay is higher than timothy hay in all the digestible nutrients.

The best farmer is the man who bestows the most thought and care on his soil, keeping it up to the highest state of fertility. Also, if he is an animal farmer, he must do the same by his animals.

To Keep Hogs Where They Belong. This will illustrate a contrivance which I am using, says a correspondent of the National Stockman and Farmer. It becomes necessary sometimes to pasture adjoining fields with cattle and horses, leaving the hogs in either field. My plan is this: Nail boards from the ground up, say about sixteen inches, at or upon the main



BARRIER FOR HOGS. (From the National Stockman and Farmer.)

gate posts. Then plant two stub posts, say about fourteen inches from gate posts, nailing boards to them also, same height. The principal is this: The cattle and horses can step over or between these obstructions, while the hogs cannot jump them. They can go through or between, but in order to jump our hogship must "square" himself, as this last arrangement prevents him from taking this square position.

Shutting Off Drafts.

Every crack, crevice or hole in or about the windows in which plants are kept during winter should be closed by pasting paper over the smaller ones, stuffing with soft paper or rags the larger and wherever it can be employed filling with well beaten putty.

Poultry Pointers.

Most farmers keep too many roosters in proportion to the hens. This is a prime cause of infertility in eggs. An overfertilized egg is often yolkless and is always infertile. One cock to ten to fifteen hens is sufficient.

The main factor in securing success with poultry in winter lies in the henhouse being perfectly dry and warm with sufficient light and ventilation. Beware of providing too much ventilation, for in winter that means frozen combs, colds and kindred evils.

Poorly dressed poultry goes begging in the market, while the supply of choice (fancy) stock is not sufficient to meet the demand.

A box of granulated charcoal should be kept in the poultry house.

If fowls or chicks have access to charcoal they will never be troubled with intestinal worms.

High grade manure will be wanted next spring for garden work, and it will pay to collect and care for the poultry droppings.

In breeding ducks new drakes should be introduced into the flock each year. New blood should be introduced every time any of the young birds are used.

Every poultryman should lay in a supply of alfalfa or clover for his fowls during the winter months. Green food is as essential as grain for the egg layers.

ORPHANS' COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA. NOTICE OF FILING AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given to heirs, legatees, creditors, and all parties in interest, that the following accounts have been filed in the office of the Register of Wills or Clerk of Orphans' Court, as the case may be, of said county, on the dates below stated, that said executors, administrators, guardians and trustees have settled their accounts in said office; and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said county on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., for confirmation, at which time the Honorable William F. Solly, President Judge of said Court, will sit in Court Room No. 2, in the Court House, to audit said accounts, hear and pass upon exceptions wherever filed, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of said accounts.

No. 1—CAYANACH—Dec. 24—First and final account of William F. Meyer, executor of Ann Cayanach, late of Conshohocken, deceased.

No. 2—WASHALL—Dec. 29—First and final account of Ella Marshall Grimes, executrix of William M. C. Marshall, dec'd.

No. 3—CAMERON—Jan. 3, 1911—First and final account of Richard Cameron et al., executors of John Cameron, dec'd.

No. 4—GEBERT—Jan. 4—First and final account of Lewis Gebert, executor of George Michael Gebert, late of Salford, dec'd.

No. 5—PUGH—Jan. 12—First income account of Montgomery Trust Company, trustees under will of Ann R. Pugh for divers uses in connection of St. James' Episcopal Church, of Evansburg.

No. 6—WADE—Jan. 12—Third account of Montgomery Trust Company, admr. d. b. n. c. t. a. of Sophie E. Wade, late of Gwynedd, dec'd.

No. 7—TYSON—Jan. 13—First and final account of Elwood F. Tyson, executor of Reuben W. Tyson, late of Skippack dec'd.

No. 8—KEHOE—Jan. 13—First and final account of John Kehoe, admr. of Patrick Kehoe, late of Plymouth, dec'd.

No. 9—FUNK—Jan. 13—First and final account of William S. Funk, admr. of Margaret Funk, late of Upper Dublin, dec'd.

No. 10—FANNON—Jan. 13—First and final account of Martha R. Fannon, admr. of James L. Fannon, late of Jenkintown, dec'd.

No. 11—WHITEMAN—Jan. 17—First and final account of George W. Whiteman, executor of Hannah P. Whiteman, late of Lower Merion, dec'd.

No. 12—HUNTER—Jan. 17—First and final account of P. Frank Hunter, admr. of Mary Albertson Hunter, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 13—GRAVES—Jan. 18—First and final account of Frances M. Graves, admr. c. t. a. of Crosby J. Graves, late of North Wales, dec'd.

No. 14—PETRELLIS—Jan. 18—First and final account of John Kastrunas, admr. of Peter Petrellis, dec'd.

No. 15—WHELAN—Jan. 19—First and final account of J. Hunter Ewing, surviving trustee for Daniel Miller, Elizabeth Whelan Miller (now Lutz), Edmund Bryce Du Val, Katharine Moylan Du Val, Gabriel Du Val and Mary Hamilton Du Val, under the will of Henry Whelan, dec'd.

No. 16—GILBERT—Jan. 19—First and final account of Rose A. Gilbert, admr. of Harry Gilbert, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 17—SEASHOLTZ—Jan. 19—First account of George N. Malsberger, executor of Peter Seasholtz, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 18—STYER—Jan. 19—First and final account of John P. Kline, admr. of John Styer, late of Upper Hanover, dec'd.

No. 19—WHELAN—Jan. 19—First and final account of Mary A. Whelan, admr. of William F. Whelan, late of Lower Merion, dec'd.

No. 20—RATH—Jan. 19—First and final account of Charles D. McAvoy, executor of Patrick Rath, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 21—FENNIMORE—Jan. 19—First and final account of William E. Dobbins, executor of Samuel B. Fennimore, late of Cheltenham, dec'd.

No. 22—SMITH—Jan. 20—First and final account of Daniel S. Moser, admr. of Reuben Smith, late of New Hanover, dec'd.

No. 23—CLAIR—Jan. 20—Second account of William H. Macdonachy, surviving executor Samuel N. Clair, late of Conshohocken, dec'd.

No. 24—HART—Jan. 20—First and final account of Israel Hart, admr. of Edward Hart, Jr., late of Conshohocken, dec'd.

No. 25—ROGERS—Jan. 20—First and final account of Emily V. C. Hansell and M. Ella Cowden, executrices of Amelia Rogers, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 26—BOGAN—Jan. 20—First and final account of the Norristown Trust Company, executors of Margaret N. Bogan, dec'd.

No. 27—FEGLEY—Jan. 21—First account of Henry D. Saylor, executor of Fayette Fegley, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 28—SMITH—Jan. 21—First and final account of Addie E. Smith, executrix of Herbert V. Smith, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 29—MARPLE—Jan. 21—First and final account of Charles H. Marple et al., administrators of Mary W. Marple, late of Ambler, dec'd.

No. 30—KLINE—Jan. 21—First and final account of John Kline et al., executors of Lovinia Kline, late of Upper Providence, dec'd.

No. 31—PUGH—Jan. 21—First and final account of Montgomery Trust Company, trustee of the Ida Barlow Fund, under the will of Sarah Jane Pugh, dec'd, late of Norristown life tenant, the said Ida Barlow being now deceased.

No. 32—KEISEN—Jan. 21—First and final account of John Keisen, executor of Mary Keisen, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 33—FREEMAN—Jan. 21—First and final account of Montgomery Trust Company, guardian for Walter N. Freeman, said minor having arrived at twenty-one years of age.

No. 34—SLIDER—Jan. 21—First and final account of Sallie A. Slider, admr. of John B. Slider, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 35—BRECHT—Jan. 21—First account of Sarah K. Brecht, executrix of John E. Brecht, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 36—FEGLEY—Jan. 21—First and final account of Milton H. Walters, executor and testamentary trustee under the will of Marcella H. Fegley, late of Upper Salford, dec'd.

No. 37—PAGNELLI—Jan. 21—First and final account of G. Carroll Hoover, guardian of Lizzie Bobst, now L. Zie, Pagnelli, said ward having attained her majority.

SAMUEL J. GARNER,

Register of Wills and ex officio Clerk of Orphans' Court.

ROLE OF THE COCONUT.

It is more than a coincidence that the tree which furnishes a greater amount of available material to man than any other in the vast kingdom of vegetables is the first to spring up on the bare rocks of the newly arisen coral reef. The coconut, so formed that it may have floated half-way across the Pacific, is thus uni-

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MONARCH'S WATCHES.

King George III in the year 1760 received a present of a watch that was a kind of mechanical almanac. It pointed out the date and also had a device to show the varying lengths of the days, according to the season. It was not bigger than other watches of the time, but then they are all what we would call turnips now.

The Emperor Napoleon I had a watch which wound itself by means of a weighted lever, which at every step his majesty took rose and fell, and having a gathering click to it, wound up a ratchet attached to the barrel. Pedometers were afterwards made on the same principle. The Duke of Wellington had a watch which was given to him by the King of Spain from which the time could be told by the touch, the hours being marked by studs. In the back of the case was placed an index which, when moved forward, would stop at the portion of the hour indicated by the watch, and then by means of the studs the time could be approximately computed in the dark.

Catharine of Russia had a watch constructed by an ingenious peasant which played a chant, and had within it tiny mechanical figures which, moving about, were supposed to represent the scene of the resurrection of the Savior; the chant was then heard all over Russia at Eastertide. But this watch was bigger than a hen's egg.

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